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Peter Jay
nomics Editor

early seven million workers, ibly a lot more, will get omatic pay rises, probably of to £1.20 a week and certainly up to 80p, at the end of t week. That will be the lt of a sharp jump in the ail price index for April, to published later today, inter-ng with "threshold agree-nts" concluded under the ns of the last Government's se Three pay policy.

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ight per cent above October ld carry the index to 232; and 9 per cent would ry it to 202.086. The April ex is understood to have come at 202.1. Final checking and rection may bring the figure t below the 9 per cent rigger point". In that case rkers covered by threshold reements would get up to an p a week pay rise next week ther than up to £1.20.

This huge 2¾ per cent rise in index between March and ril reflects partly the usual ual rise in local authority s, partly Budget tax eases, and partly the con-ing pressures on industrial s from rising material prices higher pay levels.

had been foreseen for some ks that the first threshold nents would be triggered the April index was pub-d; but it has only just been zed that at least two and ably three "trigger points" e passed in one go.

ficial estimates of the num-of workers covered by hold agreements are unreli-because such arrangements e made informally between oyees and employers with-ny necessity to notify the Board, which may only get to know about them when principal settlements are notified.

Whitehall is using an estimate of 6,900,000 workers. Pay Board circles believe the figure may well be higher though the number of workers covered by arrangements it has directly examined is only 4,800,000.

It is also expected that there may be a sudden rush of new threshold arrangements when uncovered groups of workers read in tomorrow's papers about the £1.20, or 80p, a week which others are getting and which they could be getting. There is no need for them to wait until their next pay settlement to make such arrangements; and, if they do not make the arrangements before next month's publication of the index for May, they will probably not be allowed by the Pay Board to receive more than one past threshold payment.

Unless Parliament legislates to the contrary, the threshold "clock" will continue to tick until the retail price index for October is published towards the end of November, even if the Pay Board and statutory pay controls are abolished in July, as now expected. No threshold arrangement made under Phase Three can, however, run beyond the October figure.

It is anyone's guess just how fast the index will rise between April and May. But informed sources would not be surprised if up to a dozen "trigger points" were passed by the time the last payments are due to be paid at the beginning of December (or, for monthly-paid staff, at the end of December). That would add up to £4.80 an employee a week to pay bills and, less tax and deductions, to pay packets.

Official circles are disturbed more about the potential impact of such increases on industrial costs than they are about the feedback effects on prices, at least between now and the end of the year. That might affect the competitiveness of British exports and so weaken the present export boom on which rest the Government's best hopes

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Britain's labour market still buoyant

By Melvyn Westlake
Economics Staff

Britain's labour market remains strikingly buoyant, contrary to widely expressed fears that unemployment might rise sharply as a result of the many shocks to business confidence of the past few months.

According to figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment, the number of registered vacancies on May 13 (when the last count was taken) showed a substantial rise for the second consecutive month.

There was a tiny 1,900 rise in the seasonally adjusted number of unemployed (excluding school-leavers and adult students) to 548,300.

The crude, unadjusted total figure for all unemployed in Britain fell by 111,400 to 535,400—the lowest May figure since 1969—while in Northern Ireland there was a 7,300 fall in jobless to 26,200.

Although the real test will come this winter, these figures provide no evidence yet to support the view of some economists that unemployment would be likely to start rising sharply as a result of the £1,200m public expenditure cuts for the financial year 1974-75 announced in December by Mr Barber, the previous Chancellor, and the deflationary measures of Mr Healey, the present Chancellor.

In fact, the adjusted unemployment totals have remained remarkably steady for the past five months, representing 2.4 per cent of the workforce. Not since 1970 has the labour market been so stable.

For the eight months April to November, 1970, unemployment remained fairly constant at 2.5 per cent of the workforce. Although there was a sharp increase in the number of unemployed in January this year, the total has since inched up only slightly.

Equally encouraging is the rapid rise in the number of registered vacancies notified to employment offices. There was a seasonally adjusted increase of 17,200 this month, taking the total to 314,000. That follows the April jump in vacancies of 23,000. The number of jobs notified is now rising at an average monthly rate of 12,000, or almost as fast as in the late summer and early autumn of last year, when the economy was at full strength.

The level of output and employment appears to be held up by the recent very large growth in exports. In the past three months the value of exports has risen by 19 per cent compared with the previous three months. That has doubtless taken up some of the slack apparent in the domestic economy. But the rise in vacancies probably also reflects a recovery from three-day working.

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Commodity index falls after selling burst

A new burst of selling caused heavy losses in London Metal Exchange prices yesterday and that was the main reason why the Reuters Commodity Index dropped a further 12.2 to 1,308.1, its lowest level this year. Copper was £50 cheaper at £1,047.50 a tonne; 11 trading days ago it was being bought for more than £1,300.

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Mrs Marcia Williams included in list of 15 life peers

By David Wood
Political Editor

Mrs Marcia Williams, personal and political secretary to the Prime Minister, is included in a list of three baronesses and 12 life barons announced early this morning. Politically, it will be regarded as Mr Wilson's conclusive reply to the publicity that arose recently over the connexion of Mrs Williams and her family with land reclamation.

Mrs Williams, who is 41, became secretary to Mr Wilson in 1956, at a time when nobody could foresee that he would become leader of the Labour Party and its longest-serving Prime Minister. The daughter of a Northamptonshire builder, a history graduate of London University, she had worked at Transport House, and there is no doubt that everybody who met her noted her extraordinary political flair.

In 1964, when Mr Wilson formed his first Administration, she became political secretary to the Prime Minister with an office in 10 Downing Street, and she has told in her autobiography of the campaign she waged against the "garden girls" (the Civil Service secretaries and typists).

BARONESSES

Fisher, Mrs Doris Mary, MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, 1970-74.
Stedman, Mrs Phyllis, member, Cambridgeshire County Council.
Williams, Mrs Marcia, personal and political secretary to Mr Harold Wilson.

BARONS

Castle, Edward Cyril, journalist, former alderman, Greater London Council; alderman, Islington Borough Council.
Darling, George, MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, 1950-74; Minister of State, Board of Trade, 1964-68.
Davies, (Gwilym) Elfed, MP for Rhondda, East, 1959-74; member, Glamorgan County Council, 1954-61.
Davies, Peter Lovell, chairman, Features Syndicate Ltd.
Grant-Ferris, Str Robert, MP for St Pancras, North, 1937-45; Nantwich, 1955-74; Chairman of Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker, House of Commons, 1970-74.
Fisher, Sir Samuel, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews; alderman, London borough of Camden.
Houghton, Douglas, MP for Sowerby, 1949-74; Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster, 1964-66; chairman, Parliamentary Labour Party, 1967-74.
Kissin, Harry, executive chairman, Guinness Peat Group.
Lee, Frederick, MP for Manchester, Hulme, 1945-50; Newton, 1950-74; Minister of Power, 1964-66; Secretary of State for Colonies, 1966-67; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1967-69.
Pannell, Charles, MP for Leeds, West, 1949-74; Minister of Public Building and Works, 1964-66.
Gordon Walker, Patrick, MP for Smethwick, 1945-64; Leyton, 1966-74; Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations 1950-51; Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1964-65; Minister without Portfolio, 1967; Secretary of State for Education and Science, 1967-68.
Wallace, George, chairman, East Kilbride Development Corporation; director, Smith and Nephew Associated Companies.

She also clashed with Mr Derek Mitchell, then Mr Wilson's principal private secretary, partly over her right of access to Mr Wilson. Mr Mitchell was shunted to the Department of Economic Affairs, and has now returned to the Treasury.

Lord Wigg is among the Labour politicians who have not concealed their criticism of the personal power Mrs Williams appeared to exercise at the summit of the Government and the Labour Party. Her influence was pervasive, and here and there it came to be felt that even important Labour politicians would be wise to approach the Prime Minister with the help of her good offices.

After Labour lost the 1970 election, Mrs Williams's brother, Mr Anthony Field, became Mr Wilson's office manager; and the Labour leader and his lieutenant, on a basis of personal friendship and family ties, became golf partners. When newspapers began to report earlier this year details of Mr Field's connexion with land deals, Mr Wilson stoutly vindicated Mrs Williams and made clear that she would continue in her post as a member of his staff.

It was made clear this morning that Mrs Williams, as a baroness, will remain personal and political secretary to Mr Wilson, but along with all but one of the other peers in the list will be expected to play a full part on the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

Today's is the third list of life peerages recommended by Mr Wilson since he returned to 10 Downing Street as Prime Minister in March, but it is the first in which he set out to reinforce the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

Of the 15 new baronesses and barons only one, Sir Robert Grant-Ferris, is not Labour-committed. He retired at the last election from the Commons as chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, or Deputy Speaker, and there are several recent precedents for holders of that office being elevated to the Lords. Eight of the others are retired Labour ministers or MPs.

Many political friends and foes of Mrs Castle will particularly welcome the life peerage for her husband. A prominent Fleet Street journalist and former London alderman, Ted Castle has shared in Mrs Castle's remarkable career without sharing the limelight, and it is a pleasure to his friends and colleagues to see him beginning a Westminster career at last.

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, said this morning that she was delighted at her husband's honour. Characteristically, she added that she intends to keep her commoner's name.

Mrs Marcia Williams

Frederick Lee

Charles Pannell

Douglas Houghton

Patrick Gordon Walker

Edward Castle

Act firmly, Dublin leader tells Britain

From Stewart Tendler
Dublin

The Government of the Irish Republic yesterday called on Britain to stop prevaricating and take firm action to break the "loyalist" strike. It is understood that Mr Cosgrave, the Prime Minister, told Sir Arthur Galsworthy, the British Ambassador in Dublin, that the troops should man the power stations.

Britain is accused of talking rather than acting and one Irish minister said yesterday: "They are being kidglove with people trying to take over the country. The British must act firmly." It is felt the action must be taken whatever the cost.

At the beginning of the week there was hope that the trade union marches in Ulster or a lack of resolve among loyalists would restore normality. The crisis has intensified, however, and the Irish Government's concern has mounted correspondingly. Its patience with British tactics appears to be disappearing. The Dublin Government attaches considerable importance to the power-sharing Executive, as Mr Cosgrave made clear on Wednesday

Essential services near to collapse in Ulster

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

The "loyalist" general strike in Northern Ireland took the province perilously close yesterday to the total collapse of its daily life when Londonderry lost its gas supply, the electricity service announced that the power system would probably break down by the weekend, and fuel grew so scarce that motorists queued for five hours to buy only a gallon of petrol.

Trade unionists, businessmen and Northern Ireland Assembly men urged the British Government to talk to the leaders of the strike but Mr Gerard Fitt, Deputy Leader of the Executive, said, without apparently any hesitation, that British troops should be sent immediately into the power stations and oil-supply depots.

If the Government intends to stick to its determination not to treat with the strikers, who are demanding fresh elections, then it will almost certainly have to send in the troops within the next three days. If Belfast loses its power supplies water will stop running, food will become unobtainable, communications will break down and the sewerage system will flood.

About 250 specialist army technicians are now in Ulster ready to enter the power stations and private talks have already been held between army officers and senior management staff at the electricity plants.

Such is the seriousness of the crisis now facing Northern Ireland that the publication yesterday of the joint law commission's report on the best way of countering cross-border terrorism raised scarcely a comment either inside or outside the Assembly. The Executive cautiously accepted its contents, the report suggests a system of extraterritorial courts to try suspected terrorists on either side of the border but was far more concerned with its own survival.

The Northern Ireland executive was so near collapse on Wednesday afternoon that British officials actually telephoned both the Irish Government and the British Army headquarters at Lisburn to warn them that Ulster might return to a state of direct rule within an hour. Such dire predictions were, of course, averted by the agreement to postpone the powers of the Council of Ireland, but the strains still within the administration were only too evident yesterday.

While one minister was urging the Government to talk to the

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Jail urged if council members hide links

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

A national code of conduct for local councillors, a compulsory register of their pecuniary interests, and tougher penalties, including imprisonment, for failure to disclose such interests, are among the recommendations in the report of the committee on local government rules of conduct, published yesterday.

The present maximum penalty for failing to disclose pecuniary interests is a fine of £200, and the committee, under the chairmanship of Lord Redcliffe-Maud, wants it increased to a maximum of two years' imprisonment and an unlimited fine.

Its report comes out shortly after Mr Wilson announced the setting up of a royal commission on standards of conduct in public life.

Mr Wilson told the Commons yesterday that the committee's findings and recommendations would now need to be the subject of consultation with local authority associations, staff associations and other interested parties.

The findings would clearly have a bearing on the work of the royal commission, he said.

"We also need to consider, in consultation with those concerned, whether there are recommendations in the Redcliffe-Maud committee's report which can and should be implemented at once, without waiting for the royal commission's report."

Lord Redcliffe-Maud said at a press conference that he hoped the code of conduct would find approval with the Government and local authority associations, in which case it could be implemented at once without legislation.

He said he also believed that Parliament should consider Bills quickly to establish the statutory register of interests, and to strengthen the sanctions against those who broke the law.

The vote in the Commons to establish a register of interests was a good omen for speedy implementation of the committee's recommendations for local councillors.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities welcomed the proposals for a statutory register of interests and for a code of conduct, but disagreed with the committee's decision to seek a continuation of the ban on council employees becoming members of their councils.

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ımmerland commission says there ere 'no villains' in fire disaster

John Chartres
as, Isle of Man

long-awaited report of the ission of inquiry into the erland fire disaster, which 50 people in Douglas last t, was released for publi-at midnight last night.

main conclusions are that were "no villains" but ıe ingredients of the dis-were a combination of faults and human errors ilures, most of which be-vident in the investigation he disaster but might not been apparent before it ıed.

inquiry commission was l by Mr Justice Cantley. words of a senior civil t in Douglas, the commis-nembers are "gentle in riticisms and generous in raise".

recommendations, one of ost important of which is all young architects in ıg should be given more ed instruction in fire-ition and precautions, are to have fundamental upon the architectural sion, the building industry, cal authorities.

A number of individuals are named in the report. Among them is Mr Cyril Pearson, the chief fire officer in the Isle of Man. The report says about him: "The chief fire staff officer received the plans for the submission to the local authorities in 1967. He should have considered the problems of fire-fighting at that time in order to improve the conditions which he agreed in the event were very difficult."

On the way that Mr Pearson applied existing regulations, based on by-laws applying to theatres, the report says: "He was placed in a very difficult position. By hindsight he wished he had insisted on considerable modifications but being fully involved with other responsibilities and with limited time devoted to fire protection matters he made no representations."

Mr Pearson said yesterday that it would be "lunatic" for him to comment until he had been given adequate time to study the whole report.

A statement by Trust Houses Forte Ltd last night said that the company had issued what the commission had described as "an excellent document compiled for the guidance of general managers to assist them in safeguarding the public and property under their control".

The statement went on to say that regrettably there had been human failure in the application of the company's system of fire and emergency procedures and the report had confirmed that in matters of design, construction and materials there were serious failings.

Publication of the report will now open the way for long and complicated litigation and insurance procedures. It has been estimated that a sum approaching £5m is involved in compensation to relatives of the dead and to the injured and in the cost of building another Summerland complex.

Oroglas chief pleased: Mr Allan Watson, marketing director of Rohm and Hass (UK) Ltd, British distributors of Oroglas, said he was pleased with the report (the Press Association reports). He had maintained throughout the investigation that Oroglas, a plastic material used for the roof and part of the walls of Summerland, had not played a primary role in development and spread of the fire.

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Mr Paisley and Mr Rees in fierce duel of words

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

All the bitterness that is Northern Ireland welled up in the Commons yesterday as Mr Merlyn Rees, Secretary of State, accused certain Ulster MPs at Westminster of attempting to set up a provisional government and of issuing their own ration books. It made him sick, he said, that they should continue to come to Westminster and to draw their pay.

Mr Ian Paisley thundered at this "vile slander". He demanded to know the MPs' names, declaring that no ration books had been issued in the name of any MP and none of them had suggested a provisional government.

Mr Paisley later advocated a United Kingdom referendum on whether people wanted Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom. If Ulster was to go its own way, he said, it would go reluctantly, but it would never go into a united Ireland republic.

Mr Rees, usually mild-mannered, thundered back at Mr Paisley that it was no good being a democrat at Westminster and a demagogue in Northern Ireland; he and his friends were trying to bring down the elected Government. Permit cards were being issued by his associates.

Mr Rees told MPs: "My responsibility is to this House and not to the sort of people Mr Paisley is associating with, backed by paramilitary groups who have arms." Mr Paisley was making a mockery of the Christianity that he (Mr Rees) had learnt.

Later, Mr Paisley said that if Mr Rees knew of any MPs behind a provisional government he should have them arrested. He rejected the "vile insinuations" that the strike leaders were fascist bully boys.

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, confirming that on medical advice no efforts were now being made to force-feed the Price sisters, said there could be no question in present circumstances of transferring them from Brixton to Northern Ireland. He would keep the matter under review and when, in a few months, a decision on a transfer would have to be taken, it would be on grounds of compassion and security.

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Staff Reporter

Prince of Wales will make iden speech in the House ds on June 13, during the on the report of the committee of the House of on sport and leisure.

re is a prudent and strictly ed convention that mem-f the Royal Family speak on subjects that are not political and are non-con-sial. Prince Charles will from the cross-benches.

latest precedent for the of Wales's speech was in ary, 1884, when his great-grandfather, later Edward oke on housing in London. ce Charles took his seat Lords in February, 1970.

Inquiry on nurses' pay to start next week

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent

An independent inquiry into the pay and conditions of work of nurses and midwives is to be set up immediately under the chairmanship of Lord Halsbury, chairman of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body. Announcing that in the Commons last night, Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, said the inquiry would be unfettered. It would report speedily and would begin work immediately after the Whitsun holiday.

Pay increases resulting from the inquiry would be backdated to yesterday. Emphasizing the need to act rapidly over the "legitimate grievances" of the nursing profession, Mrs Castle said she had asked the health authorities to meet the immediate and acute financial difficulties of nurses by making advances this month on the additional pay due for April and May resulting from new rates already negotiated.

They had been unpaid because of the complexity of the Phase Three award, she said, and because the introduction of the NHS reorganization on April 1 had placed the authorities under immense strain.

Mrs Castle told the House that the Government's intention was that the results of the inquiry should be applied to those professions supplementary to medicine whose pay had been traditionally linked with that of the nurses. They included physiotherapists, radiographers, dieticians, chiropodists and occupational therapists.

Some disappointment: Mr William Griffiths, secretary of the staff side of the Whitley Council, which negotiates nurses' pay, said later that nurses would be disappointed at not getting an immediate cash offer, pending the inquiry's findings (a Staff Reporter writes). But he thought the fact that the eventual offer would be backdated to yesterday would help to satisfy their demands.

Teachers' pay: An "extremely important announcement" about teachers' salaries will be made today by Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, MPs were told last night by Mr Short, Leader of the House (our Parliamentary Staff writes).

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Anti-Giscard bombers damage Sacre Coeur

Paris, May 23.—Sacré Coeur church in Montmartre was damaged today by a bomb blast that ripped off one of the turrets around the white dome of the famous Paris landmark.

It was apparently a political act, intended as a warning to M Giscard d'Estaing, France's new President.

A note from a group claiming responsibility recalled the anti-Government uprising by the Paris Commune in 1871. It said: "Giscard's ascension is off to a bad start. Remember the Communards". Today was Ascension Day.

Windows were blown out in buildings and parked cars were damaged by falling masonry.

HOME NEWS

17% wage settlement gives foretaste of voluntary pay policy

By Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

A pay agreement that provides for increases in basic rates of 17 per cent and other big improvements in shift and overtime allowances yesterday gave one of the first indications of what employers and unions will expect from a voluntary pay policy.

The draft settlement, covering 56,000 manual workers in Imperial Chemical Industries, was reached after talks that went on *into the early hours of yesterday* morning. It is in two parts: one within the Phase Three pay limits and payable from June 10, and the rest payable as soon *as the statutory pay policy ends.*

A document signed by ICI and the unions is to be sent to union officials and management. It says: "The unions and the company have considered they should reach an agreement of the kind appropriate to the *voluntary approach to incomes* policy envisaged in the immediate future, rather than one specific to the various headings under current Phase Three legislation."

The full agreement would give increases of 17 per cent on salary scales, the working conditions payment scale and call-out payments and 20 per cent improvements in shift allowances and day-rota allowances.

The payments to be made from June 10 follow the Phase Three guidelines and give rises of 7 per cent or £2.25 a week. A threshold agreement, which is *likely to give extra rises of 80p* or £1.20 a week from the start of the new pay scales, is included.

Mr David Warburton, negotiator for the General and Municipal Workers' Union, estimated that the full settlement would increase average earnings for a *40-hour week by between £5 and* £6.60, making about £39.50 for a worker on the middle salary grade.

"I hope this agreement will encourage other employers to look beyond Phase Three. There *is nothing to stop them doing so* and it would help future industrial relations", he said.

The agreement would have to be considered in detail by individual unions before being ratified.

Nalgo claim: Local *councils* are likely to be told today that unless they agree to begin negotiating on a pay claim for rises of between 20 and 26 per cent they *face the threat of* industrial action by white-collar staff throughout the country.

The local government and national executive committees of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) are holding emergency meetings to consider their response to the employers' refusal to begin talks.

The union has been drawing up a list of "target areas" where industrial action would be most effective. Strike action would require a ballot of members, but plans have also been made to use overtime bans and working to rule.

The executive is likely to *endorse* a proposal today to warn the employers that industrial action will begin if talks do not start soon.

Mr Heath wings the June poll kite

By Our Political Editor

Now that he has made himself a hostage to *fortune by letting* slip the chance of a June election to increase his majority, Mr Wilson has had to find a way to keep Mr Heath and the Conservatives under curb. His ruse is to have it put about that *he is keeping his options open* for a date in July or August.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Short, Leader of the House, confirmed a report in the *Daily Mirror* that the Prime Minister had asked officials to look at the question of holding a general election on variable dates in the United Kingdom to avoid local "wakes weeks", and to study precedents.

Nobody at Westminster takes the hint seriously. Mr Heath said yesterday that it would be necessary to pass legislation through both Houses before *variable election dates could be* introduced, and that no such Bill would carry. He also objected that such a scheme would allow one area of the *United Kingdom to be* influenced by voting elsewhere.

"Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice", basing itself on the Representation of the People Act, firmly declares that "at a general election all polls must be held on one day, namely the ninth day after the last day for delivery of nomination papers".

Mr Wilson flew the kite on the day Mr Heath was to leave for a visit to Peking, and probably it was meant to unnerve him. But Westminster has always calculated that Mr Wilson had to choose June 13 for a general election to avoid wakes weeks and the loss of Labour votes, or hold his hand until the autumn. In fact, Parliament disperses today for the Whitsun recess until June 10, and a June election is impossible.

Since that is obvious, Mr Heath and the Opposition know that if they wished they could open up a far broader attack on government Bills passing through committee stage or report stage; and Mr Wilson, equally obviously, has an interest in trying to threaten that they might suffer for it at a snap election.

Like Mr Heath, the Liberals reacted to Mr Wilson's "leak". They put out a statement pressing that holidaymakers should *not be disfranchised, and de*manding that postal voting should be allowed on request. Otherwise, the Liberals said, the staggering of polling days *in Labour strongholds would be* an intolerable form of gerrymandering.

The Liberals also dismissed the precedent of the election held in July, 1945, immediately after the last war. Polling took *place on different days, but all* results were declared on the same day to obviate any "bandwagon" effect. "The unique problem then was the collection *and transmission to this country* by air of the postal ballot papers of members of the Forces serving overseas", the party said.

Strikers steadily gaining control in Belfast

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

Shortly after breakfast time yesterday a Fina petrol tanker made its way slowly up Oldpark Road from the centre of Bel*fast, carrying what* has now become one of the most precious commodities in Northern Ireland.

It was not the fuel on board that made the journey so significant, however, but the fact *that it was being officially* escorted by a carload of members of the Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force, one of the four private armies who are helping to run the *Ulster Workers'* Council general strike.

The lorry reached its destination safely, as well it might, because the garage in Oldpark had been designated by the UWC as one of four main petrol distribution points in Belfast. Squads of UDA men assembled outside the petrol station to question motorists *who* wanted fuel, asking some of them for the special pass cards issued by the workers' council.

The Army may be keeping the streets open in Belfast but control of both amenities and *business life seems* to be passing steadily into the hands of the strikers. There are no signs of the ration books Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, mentioned in the Commons Yesterday, but businessmen are now openly trying to negotiate with the UWC.

Instead of asking the British authorities for help, the businessmen are travelling to the strikers' headquarters in east Belfast as supplicants, and at *least one man representing* an important British company in Northern Ireland is among them.

There are advice centres at four main Orange halls in the Shankill area of west Belfast, *and some UDA commanders* are boasting six weeks' supply of tinned foods ready for siege or prolonged strike. The Army also estimate that "loyalists" have anything up to £150,000 at their disposal in west Belfast, *most of it profit from the* drinking clubs in the Shankill area.

In the Protestant streets the UWC's power is delicately balanced against that of the Army. The barricades are down but only after prolonged discussions with the Army.

In the Shankill area there is a curious relationship between the soldiers and the local loyalist leaders. They greet each other in the street, chat in a local house, and have even met in the UDA's west Belfast headquarters.

There were signs that the UDA were taken off guard when the strike began last week. The politicians were at first unwilling to follow the strikers' decisions, and the *UDA did not erect a road block* for the first four days. The UVF, legalized only recently, was anxious not to depart from its new political policies.

In brief

Awards soon fo kidnap heroes

The Home Office is likely decide within two or three we on what medals should awarded to the people tackled Ian Ball, the gun who tried to kidnap Prin Anne.

The Queen has made c that she does not want ex tionally important honours t bestowed just because the j cess was involved. The supr award for gallantry, whic extremely rare, is the Ge Cross.

4-year cut in sentenc

Thomas Gray Stephen, 36, one of the men concern the £1,577,844 tunnelling ra Lloyds Bank in Baker S London, three years ago, ha 12-year jail sentence reduc eight years by the Cou Appeal yesterday. Mr Ste a motor trader, of Sutton cent, Barnet, Hertfordshire sentenced with three other at the Central Criminal on January 26 last yea robbery.

Petition against min

Mrs Shirley Williams, 43, Secretary of State for and Consumer Protection, defending a divorce peti her husband, Professor B Williams, aged 44, which a in the list of future cases London Divorce Court yesterday. They separat 1971.

English for doctors

Tests to ensure that f doctors coming to Brita competent and can spea write good English will pr be introduced by January the General Medical Coun told yesterday.

Kilbrandon date

The Government's co tive document on the K don commission's propos devolution in Scotlan Wales will be published week of June 3, the Co were told yesterday.

Library saved

Mr Crosland, Secret State for the Environme agreed to the demolit Birmingham's old library, but its Shak Memorial Library Secti to be dismantled and elsewhere.

MP to retire

Mr Anthony Stodart, vative MP for Edinburgh a former minister at the M of Agriculture and at the Office, *announced last* will not stand for reelecti this Parliament.

Hospital inquiry

South Wales police ar tigating alleged corrup volving hospital supplie statement they said the was "at the request of Wales hospital man committee".

Inquiry plea refus

A *demand by Mr* Thompson, the author public inquiry into the of Broadmoor has been by Mrs Castle, Secre State for Social Service

Medical education

An inquiry into medi cation starts today in *Th Higher Education Sup* There are also articles c mics' political incl promotion for pol teachers, academic freed environmental sciences.

Ulster: Heath support for government stand

Continued from page 1.

Ulster Workers' Council, Mr Fitt was delivering a blistering attack on it. He referred to the men behind the strike as "gangsters, bully boys and fascists", and said that the British Government now realized that the whole community, both Catho*lics and Protestants, was being* held to ransom. "The British Army will have to take over control of the power stations and the petrol depots", he said.

Clearly that is still only a last resort for Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, but even if the Army does enter the power stations, there might be insuperable difficulties. While the ordinary electricity workers can be replaced, it is doubtful whether soldiers can operate the machinery now run by the *senior technicians* and middle management staff at the five plants. The last time the Army operated emergency services, in Glasgow during the fire brigade strike, *senior civilian officials* stayed at work but whether that would happen in the electricity service in Northern Ireland in the face of possible intimidation remains to be seen.

The power stations, according to Mr Hugo Patterson, the electricity service information officer, are facing an imminent total blackout because of a shortage of hydrogen gas, propane gas and caustic and sulphuric acid. The British Oxygen Company in Belfast said last night that the hydrogen could probably be made available but that alone could not avert a shutdown. The electricity system, Mr Patterson said, was dying for want of supplies.

Petrol supplies have dwindled to negligible proportions and the hundreds of *motorists who have* queued up outside garages have been questioned by UDA men, demanding to know their business and their names, before *being allowed to receive their* gallon of fuel.

The crippling shortage of oil is now threatening the railways, the only transport system still *operating* in any measure in Northern Ireland. Only trains on the Belfast-Dublin line are running and suburban services to the border may have to be *cancelled.*

The 60,000 people of Londonderry had good reason to be concerned because the gas supply there was cut off this morning

Mr Rees's *determination* received the support of Mr Heath when the Tory leader spoke today on the BBC's *The World at One* programme before his *departure* for China. The Tories, he said, would support the Government in the measures it needed to take in Ulster. It was a political strike carried out in an attempt to force not only the Assembly and Executive but also the Parliament at Westminster to capitulate, he said.

Terrorists to be tried on either side of border

From Stewart Tendler
Dublin

Courts in the Republic of Ireland and Ulster are to be given powers to try crimes committed on either side of the border. The system was recommended yesterday in the report of the Law Enforcement Commission set up after the Sunningdale talks and the necessary legislation is to be introduced at Westminster and the Dail.

As expected, the concept of an all-Ireland court, changes in extradition laws on political crimes, and courts with a mixed bench have been put aside for constitutional reasons or questions of time in favour of "the extraterritorial method" of dealing with terrorism. In political terms the commission's report means there will be no *confrontation in Ulster over the* implications of an all-Ireland court and no difficulties in the republic on changing the constitution to deal with extradition for political crimes.

Mr Cooney, the Minister of *Justice in the republic, told the* Dail yesterday the report's recommendations would mean that in future extremists would not be able to cross the border and *escape retribution.*

Mr Cooney said the specific legislation required for the commission's recommendation was being drafted at the moment and would probably be presented to the Dail within three weeks. The new method of dealing with terrorists will not be put into operation until both countries have passed the legislation.

The machinery of the system will mean that the accused will be tried by an open session of a special court of either the republic or Ulster.

If witnesses were unwilling to travel, *although they would be* given guards, evidence would be taken on commission by one of the judges travelling across the border to hear the witness in the other *country's court.* He would be accompanied by counsel. Cross-examination would be allowed and the accused could ask to be present.

In the months of discussion the commission dismissed the idea of an all-Ireland court, which would have meant a court operating for the whole of the country. The commission decided that the solution would take too long to establish because of the corpus of law that would have to be created.

There appear to have been differences about amending Irish *extradition acts to include poli*tical crimes. The British contingent argued that it was possible in legal terms both domestically and internationally but the Irish *did not accept that* because it would have meant a change in the Irish constitution and thus a referendum.

Police from outside area aiding northern inquiry

From Christopher Walker
Newcastle upon Tyne

The scope of the inquiry by detectives in the North-east widened yesterday when a *senior officer from an outside* force was drafted in to investigate allegations made this week about two members of Durham county police.

Documents, first disclosed in The Times and now in the hands of the police, show that in 1972 the two officers were allegedly supplied with new bungalows *each costing nearly* £4,000 less than an identical bungalow on the same plot sold to a member of the public.

Part of the inquiry is being conducted jointly by the Durham county police and the Northumbria force, and centres on activities in Chester-le-Street and Blyth. Papers referring to the case are expected to be handed to the Director of Public Prosecutions in the near future.

The inquiry first began as an offshoot of investigations into the business dealings of Mr John Poulson, Mr T. Dan Smith and Mr Andrew Cunningham. Its terms of reference have increased gradually and now include several major building projects in the two counties.

The disclosures concerning the sale of the bungalows are the first to contain direct allegations *against the police.* They are supported by documents handed to the police this week by Mr Edward Milne, the Independent MP for Blyth

The two policemen named in the documents and involved in the allegations are Chief Inspector Robert Young and Chief Inspector Albert Baines, who live respectively at 35 and 39 Newcastle Road, Chester-le-Street. They have not been suspended from their duties.

The documents on which the inquiry is centred include a letter from solicitors acting for the original owner of the land. It questioned the wide differential in the prices of the three *identical, detached bungalows.*

5 Messages await your answer

Each day brings tragic letters from voluntary workers who devote their lives to helping old people in need, but are held back by lack of essentials. Here are extracts from 5 typical messages. How would you wish us to answer them?

From N. England: Mrs H. 71, is obliged to share communal toilet 20 yards from back door. She is crippled with rheumatism and has a bladder complaint. Desperately needs re-housing.

Kenya: Mrs G. a widow, is homeless. Her food consists of vegetables thrown away in the market. She needs clothes, shelter and food.

From Bangalore: "Our old people never complain. They realise that many are starving." Yet they only have enough rice for two meals a week.

From Brazil: Relief teams rescuing flood victims still need essential supplies to save lives.

From S. England: She has to climb 50 steps up to her rooms. A major operation has made this impossibly difficult, so she is housebound.

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Soldiers ran hot iron over body of naked woman

An inquiry into discipline at the School of Infantry, Warminster, Wiltshire, was called for by Mr Justice Cusack at Bristol Crown Court yesterday. He had *been told that four soldiers ran* a hot iron over the naked body of a married woman who had gone to the sleeping quarters with one of them.

If that was not enough, Mr David Elfer, for the prosecution said, they used scrubbing brushes on her, hosed her down with hot and cold water and *made indecent use of a broom.*

The judge said: "Clearly some inquiry is called for. I hope it will be directed not only to the discipline among the soldiers *but to the efficiency of those* responsible for supervising them." The episodes were wholly disgraceful

The four soldiers, all privates, *pleaded guilty to causing grie*vous bodily harm and indecently assaulting Mrs Margaret Bartlett, aged 42, of Pound Street, Warminster.

Derek Winstanley, *aged 26, of* The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, was jailed for 18 months; William Gunn, aged 21, of The King's Own Highlanders, for two years; and John Himlin, aged 25, of The King's Own Border Regiment, and Charles Kempton, aged 26, of The Royal Irish Rangers, both for 12 months.

Announcement of teachers' pay inquiry expected today

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

The Government is expected to set up an independent inquiry into teachers' pay and the structure of the teaching profession. Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has called for a meeting of both sides of the Burnham committee, which negotiates teachers' salaries, before 10 am today and his department is likely to announce the setting-up of the inquiry afterwards.

It is not known who will undertake the inquiry but it is unlikely that the Burnham committee will be asked to do so. The inquiry could award more pay for teachers in "tough" schools and in educational pri*ority areas, along the lines of a* government handout of £10.8m for pay rises to teachers in stress areas.

More than 50 teachers scuf*fled with police officers when* they tried to enter Hamilton House, headquarters of the National Union of Teachers, in London yesterday. About 20 *teachers got through a side door* and the union later allowed about 300 teachers who had been protesting outside to hold a meeting in a hall.

The incident came at the end of a day of unofficial strike action by hundreds of London teachers over the London allowance. About a dozen schools in inner London were closed and thousands of children had an *afternoon* off.

Discrimination may end: Hundreds of married women teachers are likely to benefit from improved conditions of matern*ity leave* from the end of this term, and a clause of the regulations that discriminates against unmarried women teachers is likely to be abol*ished.*

The National Union of Teachers will announce today that changes have been approved by a joint working party of teachers and their employers and that negotiations to extend the period of paid leave after the birth from seven to 13 weeks are still going on.

Other likely changes include: extending maternity leave to teachers who adopt children; allowing teachers to work up to four weeks before the expected date of birth instead of 11; allowing pregnant teachers to leave on full pay if there is a risk of infection from German measles or else get employment in another school; and possibly allowing local authorities to give *a few days off with pay to* fathers after their baby is born.

Cash crisis may end Hastings chess congress

By Tim Jones

The Hastings International Chess Congress was *on prise* last night when the organizers announced that only an immediate cash injection of £3,500 could save the tournament, the best-known event of its kind in Britain. Mr Laurence Glyde, the retiring congress *director, said that unless* the money was forthcoming within eight days the congress would have to be abandoned.

The crisis has arisen because of the decision by Mr Jim Slater, the City financier, to *reduce his contribution towards* the tournament costs to £2,500 a year. Mr Slater, who saved the Fischer-Spassky world title match by increasing the prize money by £50,000, has contributed £16,000 to the Hastings congress during the past few years.

Mr Glyde said: "This year will be our fiftieth in running the oldest continuous inter*national tournament in the* world and it will cost about £8,500. We have guarantees for £5,000 but we cannot get above that figure. We have tried up to *24 large companies for sponsor*ship help without success.

Feed price cuts to be passed on

A group of leading animal feed manufacturers said yesterday that any further falls in raw material prices would be passed on in prices.

In talks with Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, who asked them to pass on recent reductions in cereal prices the manufacturers said they had cut prices recently.

Prentice refusal to address students after 'racist' ban

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has rejected all invita*tions to speak to the National* Union of Students because of the union's decision to ban "Fascist" and "racist" speakers from university campuses.

Mr Prentice, rejecting an invitation to speak at a conference in September, said yesterday: "*I have decided not* to speak to any NUS conference or function so long as this policy prevails." He would address individual student unions that had rejected the policy.

Mr Fowler, Minister of *State for higher education,* has also refused to speak to students.

Resignation over discipline: Dr Ian Cook, a senior lecturer at Essex University, has resigned as dean of mathematical studies after failing to persuade the university senate to stregthen student discipline (our Colchester correspondent writes). His motion, which called for summary disciplinary powers to be given to the proctor, was defeated by 3 3votes to two. The senate ratified the appeal committee's decision to reinstate two students expelled from the university.

Sentence reduced: Oxford University Court of Appeal has reduced to six months the 12-month rustication sentence passed on Mr Stephen Perkins for his part in the occupation *of the Indian Institute last term* (our Oxford correspondent writes). Appeals by 12 other students against similar setences were dismissed.

Test cases likely on lack of care for mentally ill

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Test *cases may soon* be brought by Mind, the campaigning arm of the National Association for Mental Health, against local authorities for failing to provide services for the mentally disordered.

Mr Tony Smythe, director of Mind, said yesterday that in its opinion the 1959 Mental Health Act compelled local authorities to provide services.

He *was introducing* a Mind report which points to gaps in care of the mentally ill and handicapped resulting from government policy of running down large *psychiatric hospitals* without ensuring that matching services exist.

Mr Christopher Mayhew, chairman of Mind, said that in the case of Mr Ian Ball *the* deficiencies of the psychiatric services had been widely *admitted. The substance of the* report was that the services did not exist.

Mr Smythe said that after the South Ockendon report Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, did not offer *much more than* a bit of concern, and the promise of a more liberal policy on loan sanctions.

The report points out that guidelines sent to local authori*ties in 1972 estimated that 12,000* residential places and 30,000 day places were needed. The present provision was 2,100 residential places, supplemented by *1,300 voluntary places and 3,700* day places.

Mind Report 13: The Run-down of Psychiatric Hospitals (Mind, 169 Malden Road, London, NW5 4HT, *30p plus 10p postage).*

Dispute stops television programmes

By Our Labour Staff

Some BBC television programmes *due to be broadcast* yesterday and today have had to be cancelled because of a strike involving 500 staff over a regrading dispute. The strikers, *members of the National Asso*ciation of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees, are mainly driver-riggers on outside broadcast units and scenery and properties men.

Last night's edition of *See It This Way,* which was to have been a discussion between employers and union leaders, had to be cancelled, and live coverage of a tennis championship at Bournemouth was halted (as it happened, the tournament was stopped by rain).

Last night's *filming* of the World Professional Latin-American Dance Championship at the Albert Hall, for transmission tonight, was stopped, and a *replacement programme will be* shown.

The union has called out the affected workers on indefinite strike, because of a disagreement with the BBC over possible loss of earnings if the *workers are moved into differ*ent grades. If the dispute continues it may affect weekend sports coverage and some programmes next week.

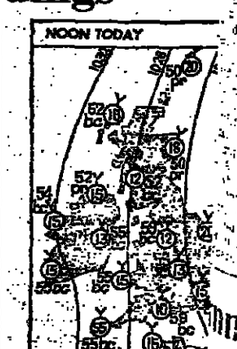
Pension book change

Because of delays in the renewal of pension books, the Post Office is to make payment on production of the old books under arrangements *announced* yesterday by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Labour research chief

Mr Geoffrey Bish, aged 35, a research assistant with the Labour Party, has been appointed secretary of the party's research department.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 4.57 am — Sun sets: 8.58 pm
Moon rises: 7.17 am — Moon sets: 11.47 pm

First Quarter: May 28.

Lighting up: 9.28 pm to 4.26 am.

High water: London Bridge, 4.4 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 4.26 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft); Avonmouth, 9.55 am, 13.2m (43.4ft); 10.13 pm, 13.3m (43.6ft). Dover, 1.7 am, 6.5m (21.3ft); 1.32 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Hull, 8.28 am, 7.2m (23.6ft); 9.2 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Liverpool, 1.24 am, 8.8m (29ft); 1.50 pm, 8.7m (28.5ft).

An anticyclone will move slowly W of Ireland, with a N airstream over the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, central S, SE, E, central N England, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals and showers, heavy in places, possibly with thunder; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

W Midlands, SW England, Wales: Showers, becoming mainly dry with sunny periods; wind N, moderate, locally fresh; max temp 16°C (61°F).

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny periods; wind N, moderate; max temp 14° to 16°C (57° to 61°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Caithness: Sunny spells, occasional showers; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 13° to 15°C (55° to 59°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny spells, occasional showers; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Showery and rather cool in SE, otherwise dry with sunny periods and temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind N, fresh or s moderate to rough.

St George's Channel, Wind N, fresh; sea rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: ma 7 pm, 14°C, 57°F; m 7 am, 11°C, 52°F. Hu 74 per cent. Rain, 24 .17 inches. Sun, 24 h 2.3 hours. Bar, mea 7 pm, 1010.5 millibars 1,000 millibars=29.53

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, May

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C
E Coast			
Scarborough	3.1	.10	13
Bridlington	6.8	—	12
Gorleston	4.4	.20	11
Clacton-on-S	1.4	.37	13
Margate	6.2	.17	13
S Coast			
Hastings	1.2	.37	13
Eastbourne	2.1	.18	14
Brighton	1.5	.11	14
Worthing	4.5	.12	15
Bognor R	2.7	.63	14
Southsea	2.0	.16	14
Sandown	3.1	.15	14
Bournemouth	3.9	.19	15
Exmouth	4.9	.07	15
Torquay	4.4	.05	14
Falmouth	6.7	.05	13
W Coast			
Morecambe	2.0	.47	14
Blackpool	3.9	.23	15
Aberystwyth	3.3	.06	13

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Algiers	s	21	70	Copenhagen	c	14	57	Locarno	r	22	72	Moscow	f	27	81
Amsterdam	c	13	55	Dublin	c	14	57	London	r	12	54	Oslo	f	18	64
Athens	f	23	73	Edinburgh	f	10	50	Luxembourg				Paris	s	10	50
Barcelona	s	20	68	Florence	s	25	77		hail	10	50	Reykjavik	s	11	52
Beirut	f	23	73	Funchal	s	20	68	Madrid	s	29	84	Rome	s	21	70
Belfast	r	11	52	Geneva	c	12	54	Majorca	s	24	75	Stockholm	f	21	70
Berlin	r	10	50	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Malaga	s	30	86	Strasbourg	f	16	61
Biarritz	c	15	59	Guernsey	s	13	55	Malta	s	24	75	Tel Aviv	s	18	64
Birmingham	r	9	48	Helsinki	s	10	50	Manchester	s	15	59	Vienna	f	16	61
Bristol	c	13	55	Innsbruck	c	13	55	Milan	s	11	52	Warsaw	f	16	61
Brussels	c	11	52	Istanbul	f	21	70	Munich	c	7	45	Zurich	s	15	59
Budapest	s	14	57	Jersey	s	13	55	Naples	s	24	75				
Cardiff	c	12	54	Las Palmas	s	22	72	New York	f	17	63				
Cologne	s	10	50	Lisbon	s	29	84	Nice	s	22	72				

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HOME NEWS

Stiffer penalties proposed for councillors who conceal interests

Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

A compulsory register of pecuniary interests and a national code of conduct for local councillors are the two main recommendations of the Home Minister's committee on local government rules of conduct, whose report was published yesterday.

The register, open to inspection by any local elector, should include all employments, land and property owned in the area of the authority, any companies in which the councillor has more than a specified interest, and any tenancy of premises owned by the authority.

Under the chairmanship of Lord Redcliffe-Maud, the committee also recommends that the penalties on disclosure of pecuniary interests should be strengthened, with increased penalties for failure to disclose, including imprisonment.

On its other main recommendation, the committee says that councillors of a local authority should continue to be legally disqualified from election as members.

The committee was set up last October by Mr Heath, then the Prime Minister.

Accepting that there is a great deal of disquiet about conduct in local government at present, the committee points out that between 1964-72, the latest period for which full details were available, 76 members and 22 employees were convicted under the Prevention of Corruption Acts, and 16 members were convicted of failure to disclose a pecuniary interest.

In their own judgment, largely subjective of necessity, is that standards of conduct in local government are generally high. At the same time they share the public concern that corruption exists; and it is a fact that unless corruption is stopped it spreads. The only acceptable standard for British local government is complete honesty.

In 1971-72, the report says, total local government expenditure in England and Wales, and Scotland, was more than £1,600m, compared with less than £1,600m 20 years earlier. Three specific developments contributing to that growth were the growth in the value of contracts placed by local authorities, the increasing financial significance of decisions on land use planning, and the entry of local authorities into the business of comprehensive redevelopment.

Those who, as members and employees of local authorities, control the deployment of such large resources, bear a heavy responsibility to the community and are at permanent risk from the less scrupulous elements in it.

The committee believes that the two essential safeguards for honesty in local government are the honesty of the individual, and maximum openness by all concerned.

Rules of conduct cannot create honesty; nor can they prevent deliberate dishonest or corrupt behaviour. Rather, they are a framework of reference embodying uniform minimum standards.

Referring to the growth of party politics in local government, particularly after reorganization, the committee says that policies are discussed and often settled in party group meetings open neither to the public nor the press.

The political parties at the national as well as the local level have a major and continuing responsibility to ensure that standards of conduct at group meetings are no less strict than those at meetings of the authority; and we recommend that they should seriously consider what action this responsibility requires of them.

The report recommends that councillors should be required to disclose a pecuniary interest orally whenever it arises, and that the present partial option of a general written notice of interests should be abolished. Councillors whose disability for speaking or voting has been removed by a dispensation of the Secretary of State should be expressly required to disclose orally both the interest concerned and the existence of the dispensation.

The committee recognizes that these measures would need changes in council meeting procedure and might cause some practical difficulty. "But we are satisfied that the changes are needed in the interest of openness and public confidence."

A council member who declared an interest should withdraw completely, out of earshot, so that he could not hear the discussion of the issue in which his interest lay. The committee rejects the suggestion that at an open meeting he could go to the public gallery, on the ground that his presence might inhibit his colleagues from speaking freely.

Lord Redcliffe-Maud, chairman of the committee.

Recommending a statutory compulsory register of pecuniary interests, the committee says that objections to it are outweighed by the substantial contribution to public confidence which a carefully designed register could make.

We do not believe . . . it would represent any greater intrusion on privacy than may rightly be required of someone who submits himself to elected office; or that it would deter many people from service.

A register would help to show that councillors had nothing to hide; help to remove the groundless suspicion which malice could now attach to innocent people; and give the elector a more accessible picture of the member's general background than the record of specific disclosures at meetings, and would for that reason be a more convincing demonstration of openness.

The register should include the interests of the member's spouse where known to the member, but not those of any other relative.

The committee's recommendations for inclusion in the register are:

1. All paid employments and occupations, including directorships, consultancies, and any sponsorship of the member by any organization or person. The amount of the income involved need not be stated except that from sponsorship, which can be distinguished from other sources of income because it is directly related to the member's contribution to the business of the authority. Professional men would be required to indicate the name and business of their firm, but not the names of clients.
2. All land or other real property in the area of the authority, owned freehold, or held on a lease granted for one year or more, or in respect of which an option to purchase is held; the location to be described generally rather than precisely.
3. Companies or other bodies where the member has a beneficial interest in securities of a nominal value greater than £1,000, or one hundredth of the issued share capital, whichever is the less. The amount of the holding need not be stated. Investment trusts and unit trusts should be excluded.
4. Any tenancy of premises owned by the authority.

The present maximum penalty for failure to disclose—a £200 fine—should be raised to bring it into line with contemporary money values and to indicate its seriousness.

The committee recommends a maximum penalty of a fine of £400, or six months' imprisonment, or both, for a summary trial, or two years' imprisonment and an unlimited fine for trial on indictment. The period of limitation under which proceedings could be brought should be increased from six months, to 12 months from the date when the alleged offence became known, or five years from the date of its commission.

Non-pecuniary interest, such as kinship, could not be covered by law, but councillors and employees should treat them on the same principles as pecuniary interests. Councillors should never serve as chairmen, nor in some circumstances even as members, of committees in whose subject they had a substantial business, professional or other personal interest

Regarding hospitality and facilities, the committee says councillors and employees should ensure that hospitality given or received in connexion with their official duties could always be justified in the public interest, and that official facilities were used strictly for the purposes of official duties.

The committee recommends that the use for private gain of information received through membership or employment in a local authority should be a criminal offence.

Local authority officers should be required to disclose an interest in a "contract, proposed contract or other matter" not only in a "contract", as at present.

They should also be required to disclose a pecuniary interest orally at meetings, and offences by officers against these requirements should be subject to the same penalties and limits on prosecution as those by councillors.

Local authorities should keep a record, open to inspection by councillors, of the pecuniary interests of chief and deputy chief officers and such other officers as the authority might require.

The committee states that local government employees should not undertake outside work for payment by members of the public on any matter within the scope of their official duties. Senior and professional staff should not, within two years of retiring or resigning from the authority, take up without the authority's consent comparable employment in the authority's area.

The law should not be changed, the committee recommends, in regard to the disqualification of employees of an authority from becoming members of it. In evidence, the Labour Party, the TUC and individual unions emphasized the importance of removing or relaxing that disqualification.

The committee says the arguments in favour of such a move were outweighed by the need to avoid conflicts of interest, to maintain political impartiality, and to secure sound internal relationships in the authority's organization.

There is no category of employees to which none of these considerations applies. No clear distinction can be made between employees who should remain disqualified and those who should not.

One partial exception was the cooption of teachers to education committees. The committee does not recommend the abolition of that provision, although three of the seven members of the committee favoured its abolition.

The committee recommends that where there are reasonable grounds for suspecting corruption, there should be a power, available only on application by the Director of Public Prosecutions to a High Court judge, for the police to inspect the financial records of persons or organizations before the start of proceedings. It also seeks a change in the law to allow a court discretion to disqualify a person convicted of corruption for membership of a local authority for life on a first offence.

To maintain standards, the local authority must keep its own house in order and enable others to see whether it is doing so, the committee urges. It should have a clear and publicly known machinery for reviewing its own procedures and for investigating complaints; and should pursue vigorous policies of two-way communication with the public. In that, the press, radio and television also had important responsibilities.

A wise council will ensure that journalists are not only given the obvious facilities, but also are encouraged and helped to understand the authority's work. Where the authority has no full-time press officer, there should be a named officer responsible for this work. The flow of facts should be as free, copious and clear as possible: this is the only basis for a sound relationship between the authority and the media.

If local government has in the past been guilty of a distant or unhelpful attitude to the media, it is also true that the media have much to answer for.

Complaints of ignorant or careless reporting were familiar. The committee says that while genuinely critical reporting and comment were indispensable to the health and honesty of local government, "facts must come first".

The committee looks to central government to undertake urgent consultations with the local authority associations about establishing an agreed national code of conduct, and to the departments concerned to consider giving fresh advice on procedures for the award of contracts.

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Draft code sets out guidelines

The report sets out a draft for a national code of conduct to provide guidance for all councillors, and to provide an explicit public standard which those outside local government can expect from it. It reads:

1. A national code of local government conduct

This code is an authoritative guide for all councillors elected or co-opted to local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland. It supplements both the law enacted by Parliament and the standing orders made by individual councils.

2. Law, standing orders and national code

Make sure that you fully understand the rules of conduct which the law, standing orders and the national code require you to follow. It is your personal responsibility to apply their requirements on every relevant occasion. Seek advice about them that you need from your council's senior officer.

3. Public duty and private interest

Your overriding duty as a councillor is to the whole local community.

You have a special duty to your own constituents, including those who did not vote for you.

Whenever you have a private or personal interest in any question which councillors have to decide, you must not do anything to let that interest influence the decision.

Do nothing as a councillor you could not justify if it were to the public.

The reputation of your council and of your party if you belong to one, depends on your conduct and what the public believe about your conduct.

4. Disclosure of pecuniary and other interests

The law makes specific provisions requiring you to disclose pecuniary interests, direct and indirect. But interests which are not pecuniary can be just as important. Kinship, friendship, membership of an association, society, or trade union, trusteeship and many other kinds of relationship can sometimes influence your judgment or give the impression that they might do so. A good test is to ask yourself whether others might think the interest close enough to influence someone in your position. If you think they might, or if you are in doubt, treat the interest as if it were a pecuniary one, disclose it and withdraw from the meeting.

(ii) You must follow the principles about disclosure of interest in your unofficial relations with other councillors—at party group meetings, or other informal occasions and in casual conversation—no less scrupulously than at formal meetings of the council, its committees and sub-committees.

4. Membership and chairmanship of council committees and subcommittees

(i) You, or some firm or body with which you are personally connected, may have professional business or personal interests within the area for which the council is responsible, and such interests may be closely related to the work of one or more of the council's committees or subcommittees, concerned (say) with planning or developing land, council housing or the letting of contracts for supplies, services or works. Before seeking or accepting membership of any such committee or subcommittee, you should seriously consider whether your membership would involve you

(a) in disclosing an interest so often that you could be of little value of the committee or subcommittees or

(b) in weakening public confidence in the impartiality of the committee or subcommittee.

(ii) You should not seek or accept the chairmanship of a committee or subcommittee whose business is closely related to a personal interest of yourself or of anybody with which you are associated.

5. Councillors and officers

(i) Both councillors and officers are servants of the public, and they are indispensable to one another. But their responsibilities are distinct. Councillors are responsible to the electorate and serve only so long as their term of office lasts. Officers are responsible to the council and are permanently appointed. An officer's job is to give advice to councillors and to carry out the council's work under the direction and control of councillors.

(ii) Mutual respect between councillors and officers is essential to good local government. Close personal familiarity between individual councillor and officer can damage this relationship and prove embarrassing to other councillors and officers.

(iii) If you are called upon to take part in appointing an officer, the only question you should consider is which candidate would best serve the whole council. You should not let your personal or political preferences influence your judgment. You should not canvass the support of colleagues for any candidate and you should resist any attempt by others to canvass yours.

6. Use of confidential information

As a councillor you necessarily acquire much information that has not yet been made public. You should not normally reveal such information to anyone outside the council's membership or staff. It is a grave betrayal of trust to use confidential information for the personal advantage of yourself or of anyone known to you.

7. Gifts and hospitality

Treat with extreme caution any offer of gift, favour of hospitality that is made to you personally by any person or organization that is doing or seeking to do business with the council or is applying to the council for any planning or other kind of decision. Working lunches and other social occasions arranged or authorized by the council or by one of its committees or subcommittees may be a proper way of doing business, provided that no extravagance is involved. Nor can there be any hard-and-fast rule about acceptance or refusal of token of good will on special occasions. But you are personally responsible for all such decisions and for avoiding the risk of damage to public confidence in local government.

8. Use of allowances

Observe scrupulously the rules entitling you to claim

(a) allowances for performing "approved duty" as a councillor and

(b) repayment of expenses incurred for travel and subsistence while doing business on the council's behalf.

9. Use of council facilities

Make sure that any facilities, such as transport, stationery, or secretarial services, provided by the council for your use in your official duties are used strictly for those duties and for no other purpose.

The members of the committee were Lord Redcliffe-Maud, chairman, Sir Philip Allen, Sir Mark Henig, Mr R. Leigh-Pemberton, Mr S. Lloyd-Jones, Mr J. M. Turner, and Mr David Widdicombe, QC.

(*Conduct in Local Government. Report of the Prime Minister's Committee on Local Government Rules of Conduct* (Stationery Office, 57p.)

Government considering trade union review body

The Government did not reject the idea that it might need to add to the legal provisions dealing with complaints by members against trade unions, Mr Booth, Minister of State, Employment, told the Commons standing committee on the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill yesterday.

There had been discussions with the TUC, and careful thought had been given to the form of solution, of a trade union review body, put forward by the Donovan commission, he said. The Government was seriously considering that and he hoped it might come forward with something definite at the time of the Employment Protection Bill.

The committee was considering a Conservative amendment, later withdrawn, which would have had the effect of reenacting in the Bill those sections of the Industrial Relations Act referring to "guiding principles for trade unions and employers".

Since March, 1972, there had been 200 complaints against unions by members, former members and others, Mr Booth said. Only 15 per cent had been upheld.

Pledge to housing groups

A commitment to help housing associations in difficulty was given yesterday by Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, during the Commons standing committee on the Housing Bill. "I am concerned that the measures we are already taking may not go far enough in dealing with the immediate problems of some associations," he said.

The Government would introduce an amendment to the Bill to deal with the matter proposed. He emphasized that local authorities had the powers to consider ways of helping housing associations in an emergency.

The financial difficulties of the associations were probably not merely immediate and temporary. "We are therefore reviewing the general arrangements for rent subsidies for housing associations. If their problems prove endemic there may be a need to introduce a revenue deficit financing provisions in place of the present subsidy system."

Prison officers call for closed visits

From Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Weston-super-Mare

Enormous amounts of drugs and small tungsten blades hard enough to cut through the specially hardened bars are being passed into Albany top security prison during open visits, Mr James Roberts, an officer there, told the annual conference of the Prison Officers' Association at Weston-super-Mare yesterday.

Inmates had openly said to officers: "You can't watch us all the time."

Mr Roberts said: "We at Albany face difficulties most days of the week by articles being passed through on open visits." Three officers had to watch 30 prisoners.

Officers at the conference called for closed visits at all prisons with high-risk prisoners.

Officers also accused the Home Office of using the Official Secrets Act to gag comment on matters of public interest. Mr Alfred Pitman, of Bristol, said: "It has been said that if the Official Secrets Act were removed we might say things that would embarrass the minister in the House. If that is so, then it is time these things were said."

Recompense for Myra Hindley's go-between

Mrs Patricia Ali, who lost six months' remission for making a "false" accusation about a prison officer's lesbian relationship with Myra Hindley, is to get compensation, an MP disclosed yesterday.

Mr William Wilson, Labour MP for Coventry, South-east, has been told by Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, that he is to appoint an independent assessor to hear representations and suggest an appropriate sum.

Mrs Ali, aged 45, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, was serving 30 months at Holloway for a car insurance fraud. She reported the relationship between Myra Hindley and Patricia Cairns, a prison officer, after acting as their go-between.

A visiting magistrate at Holloway found her guilty of making malicious allegations. She lost 180 days' remission and served two weeks in solitary confinement.

A Home Office inquiry was begun after Mrs Ali had told Mr Wilson of the affair between Myra Hindley and Miss Cairns, a former Carmelite nun.

At the Central Criminal Court in April Miss Cairns was jailed for six years for conspiring to effect Myra Hindley's escape. Myra Hindley, already serving a life sentence for the moors murders, was given a one-year sentence for the conspiracy.

Mrs Ali said yesterday: "Make no mistake, I want a lot of money. As far as I am concerned £500,000 would be about right." She said she had received letters threatening to "scar" her if she received compensation.

She still had letters from prison, including one from Myra Hindley and planned to give more details on life in Holloway.

Man cleared

Cleveland Albert Gregory, aged 41, of Brixham Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, a bus driver, was cleared at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of three charges of conspiring to import, and importing, cannabis into Britain.

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HOME NEWS

Summerland report says many human errors led to disaster

From John Chartres
Douglas, Isle of Man

Faults in design, many inadequacies and failures in management, and lack of good communications between the various bodies concerned with the Isle of Man's Summerland leisure centre all contributed to the fire that killed 50 people

Those are the main findings of the commission of inquiry, published today in a 35,000-word document.

The commission says, however, that there were "no villains". It goes on:

There were many human errors and failures and it was the accumulation of these, too much reliance on an "old boy" network and some very ill defined and poor communications which led to the disaster.

In some words of comfort to all concerned, the commission, which was headed by Mr Justice Cantley, adds:

It would be unjust not to acknowledge that not every failure which is obvious now would be obvious before the disaster put the structure and people to the test.

The commission makes 34 recommendations, many of which will have fundamental effects on the architectural profession, building industry and local government.

They include suggestions that architectural training should include a much extended study of fire protection and precautions; and that the theatre regulations applying both to the Isle of Man and the rest of the United Kingdom should be revised and extended as a matter of urgency.

The architects and designers; the Isle of Man Government and Douglas Corporation (which jointly sponsored and owned Summerland) and Trust Houses Forte (Leisure) Ltd, which operated it as lessee, all take shares of the commission's criticisms of inadequacies, failures and human errors.

The report says that Summerland was a multistorey building intended to house large numbers of people but it was constructed without the essential *safety feature of "compartmentation"*: the provision of barriers to separate people from a fire risk and to contain a fire if it breaks out in a limited area.

In Summerland the audience and the fire risk were mixed up together on the solarium and the upper terraces, each of which had no separation from any other part of the building.

The building and its use also involved a factor that the commission says has never figured before in a fire disaster: most of the children in the building were engaged in separate activities from their parents (one of the main ideas of the whole project was to provide different sorts of fun for young and old) so that when the fire broke out many parents lost their lives trying to find their children *instead of immediately* making good their own escapes.

The commission comments:

It is easy to say that it should have been appreciated and provided for. It seems very obvious now. However, it was an unusual feature and it is much more understandable for it to have been overlooked by those who were concerned with fire precautions before *the building went into operation* than for Trust Houses Forte (Leisure) Ltd to have overlooked it once the various features were set out and the building was in actual operation.

The report makes detailed comments on the use of three relatively new materials used in the construction of the building, Oroglas, the transparent plastic material used for the roof and part of the walling; Galbestos, the cladding material used for walls, and Decalin, a type of fibreboard used as an interior lining to the Galbestos *wall in the area where the fire* first spread.

The combination of the two latter materials in a way suggested by Mr John Frank, an interior designer employed by Gillinson Barnett, of Leeds, who were associate architects for the project, created a concealed void with a combustible inner surface on both sides.

Such a void is a dangerous fire hazard and a serious breach of good building practice. This error, which may well have been the biggest *single structural contribution* to the disaster of the fire, arose from an unfortunate combination of circumstances at a time of intense activity. Mr Frank did not know the properties of Decalin and did not know that it was combustible.

On Oroglas the report comments:

The behaviour of a small burning sample gives little indication of the holocaust which was produced by the burning of the external faces of Summerland. It is obvious that the rate of burning of Oroglas increases rapidly as it is heated by other *burning material near to it.*

In view of a strong recommendation that all exposed edges of Oroglas should be protected from direct contact with flames it is difficult to explain why the designers, architects, and some fabricators alike permitted the long edges of all the roof domes to be exposed and unprotected.

The report says the Galbestos east wall of the *building* provided the path by which the fire spread to the interior. Several changes were made to the original design to reduce costs, and the commission comments that neither the architects nor H. H. Robertson (UK) Ltd, suppliers of the material, gave much thought to the fire risk in making the changes.

Of the principal architect and his firm, J. Philipps Lomas and Partners, the commission says that his firm on the Isle of Man is small and has rarely involved more than six people, of whom Mr Lomas himself and his partner, Mr Brian Gelling, were the only qualified architects. The firm had undertaken no work outside the island at the date of the project.

The choice of Mr Lomas as principal architect by Douglas Corporation and the Local Government Board of the Isle of Man "presumably was made without recognizing that he had *controlled only a small* architectural office all his life, and that his experience was limited only to modest building designs".

The relationships between Mr Lomas's firm and Gillinson Barnett and Partners, of Leeds, who were appointed associate architects, are also spotlighted by the commission.

Summerland required a first-class architect and manager working on the project during its design, erection and completion. The two senior partners in the two architectural practices involved, Mr J. P. Lomas and Mr Clifford Barnett, once the original brochure had been presented, did not thereafter put design pencil to paper. The significant skills of designing and the decisions thus taken were passed successively to two job architects, neither of whom had been associated with this kind and magnitude of project before.

No one—clients, authorities or architects—ever stood back and looked at the project as a whole. Each could have done so, within the terms of their responsibilities. Neither principal, Mr Lomas nor Mr Barnett, did so, and Mr Lomas, with his duty towards his client, was even willing to admit in evidence that he acted as a "post box or conduit" between Gillinson Barnett and the participants on the island. It became clear that communications, *particularly those of* a decisive character, were indifferent between the two.

Quotations from letters which were written during the design period establish the kind of attitudes which sometimes arose. Examples are "we might get away with it"; treating the theatre regulations "with a pinch of salt", and "I do not think we need worry unduly on this business of fire resistance. The town council will have to apply a waiver and I do not think for one moment that they will refuse it."

On the relationships between the Local Government Board of the Isle of Man Government, Douglas corporation and the architects, the commission refers to the waiver of local by-laws affecting the use of non-traditional materials such as Oroglas, and comments that it was unfortunate that there was a lack of *communication* between the two authorities.

On the performance by the employees of Trust Houses Forte (Leisure) Ltd, as lessee, the commission makes a number of stringent comments about the standards of fire precautions and escape drills.

There was evidence that five members of the staff were constituted as a team for the purpose of first-aid fire fighting. There was no satisfactory evidence that training and instruction were undertaken by any members of the fire-fighting party.

No organized system of staff training existed and apart from the fire fighting party no member of the staff was given any duty or any instruction whatever as to his or her actions in the event of fire. The commission says the rapid spread of the fire was due in part to the design and construction of the building and in part to failure by staff of Summerland to take prompt and appropriate action.

Of cardinal importance was the failure to call the fire brigade until 21 minutes after the discovery of the fire. The members of the staff who tried to extinguish the fire were individually zealous, but their efforts were useless and no one thought of calling the fire brigade in time.

This delay in calling the fire brigade and the failure to use the automatic alarm for the purpose are symptomatic of the general unawareness of the management of *Summerland* at this time of the importance of making proper provision for a possible fire emergency by practical organization and training of staff.

It is an unfortunate and very regrettable fact that at the time of the fire a number of the doors intended for use as emergency exits were locked.

This was a particularly grave disregard of safety precautions because on two occasions previously the fire service had complained to the management of Summerland on finding exit doors padlocked, and assurance had been given that there would be no repetition.

The commission says relatively little about the original cause of the fire, the now proved setting alight of a kiosk alongside one of the walls by a group of three Liverpool schoolboys.

The commission's recommendations are:

In the designing of a building of this type a named person should be in charge from the outset and take and be known to be taking the major design decisions.

Architects and clients should combine to consider carefully the requirements and performance of a *building in use at the stage* when conceptual designs are proposed, and before proceeding with details. Performance should embrace efficient and comfortable occupancy and usage, and safety, including safety in case of fire.

Building inspections during construction should be conducted formally and precisely, both by architects and local authority inspectors. They should be duly recorded to confirm that the building is being built in accordance with the approved plans and the relevant by-laws and regulations.

The Theatre Regulations should be revised and extended so that they include a complete code of safety regulations plainly applicable to a public entertainment building which is not a theatre in the ordinary sense.

The commission's chapter of recommendations concludes with the words:

This terrible fire, one of the most rapidly developing fires ever to occur in a public building has not only left a temporary ruin on the island but a permanent scar in the minds of Manxmen. It was tragedy enough, but the *commission* believes it could have been even worse if Summerland had been occupied by 5,000 people later in the evening after dark, and the fire had started then.

Apart from Mr Justice Cantley, the two other members of the commission were Mr P. S. Wilson-Dickson, a fire expert, and Professor Denis Harper, of the building department of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

The commission sat for 49 *days between November*, 1973, and February this year, and heard evidence from 91 witnesses. Eight Queen's Counsel were among the legal representatives of interested parties, and the cost of the inquiry is estimated at £400,000.

The fire at the Summerland leisure centre last August when 50 people died.

WEST EUROPE

M Giscard d'Estaing cuts down pomp for his inauguration

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, May 23

To the dismay of officials at the Elysée Palace M Giscard d'Estaing has insisted of the simplest of ceremonies for his induction as President on Monday.

After the ceremony he will *break with all precedent* by walking up the Champs-Elysées to lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier, instead of driving in an open car with a mounted escort of the Republican Guard.

For the crowds in Paris the day will begin when the new President leaves his car at the corner of the Champs-Elysées and walks to the Elysée Palace, so that the people massed behind crash-barriers can have a good *look* and *cheer him*.

Morning coats have been done away with for the ceremony in the *salle des fêtes*. All the civic dignitaries *present*, including *the President*, will wear *lounge* suits. About 30 children from a state school will be there with their teachers.

The Republican Guard in full *dress will be missing at the* salute to the flag on the terrace of the palace. Instead, a detachment of national servicemen from the Second Dragoons, the *regiment in which the new* President served as a corporal at the end of the war, will present arms and the band will be provided by an infantry regiment.

During his walk up the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe, military bands will play the revolutionary "Chant du Départ", M Giscard d'Estaing's signature tune during the election campaign.

All school-children will have a half holiday to watch the ceremonies on television—a decision which the left-wing teachers' unions have condemned as "demagogic".

On Monday also the new Prime Minister will be announced. Intense speculation continues in political circles and in the press about his name and *the composition of the new* government, the more so as this time there have not been any of the usual leaks.

Earlier this week, the possi*bility of a non-political "tech*nician" being chosen was widely canvassed, but this idea has lost ground and M Joseph Fontanet, a youthful 53, and a Minister of Education in the *last government, is now consid*ered a likely choice. He is a member of the centrist PDM party, and introduced a bold and highly controversial reform of secondary education. He came out in favour of M Chaban-Delmas before the first ballot of the election, which *makes him acceptable to the* Gaullists.

The name of M Jacques Chirac, the young and very ambitious Minister of the Interior, has also been mentioned. He led a revolt inside the Gaullist party against M Chaban-Delmas, ostensibly for M Messmer, but *really for M Giscard d'Estaing.*

His appointment, *however*, would be like a red rag to many Gaullists, who regard him as responsible for their candidate's fiasco. It seems more *likely that* he will become Minister of Finance.

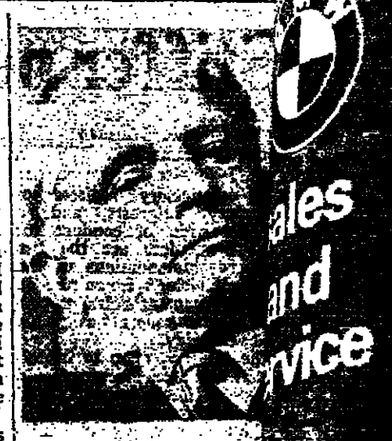
M Giscard d'Estaing will keep overall control of foreign affairs, as did President Pompidou. But this does not exclude a strong personality at the Quai d'Orsay. The name of M Michel Jobert, a popular figure with the public, is increasingly mentioned.

He agrees with the new President on four basic principles of foreign policy: the preservation of the nuclear deterrent; the rejection of any neutralization of central Europe; the creation of a European confederation, and relations of equality with the United States. The only question is whether the two men get on together personally.

Prince Poniatowski, the closest confidant of the new President, his campaign strategist and indispensable right-hand man, will most probably become Minister of the Interior, and perhaps Foreign Minister at a later stage.

M Jean Lecanuet, the president of the Democratic Centre, who after more than 10 years in opposition powerfully contributed to M Giscard d'Estaing's election success, is billed for a big Ministry for Social Affairs. Since a bold policy of social reform was one of the conditions of M Lecanuet's *support*, the appointment would be appropriate, although his task will be politically risky.

The government will probably *have "technicians" in three or* four posts—and three women, including, for the first time, a woman Minister of Justice. There has been only one woman in the past few governments.



Herr Günter Nollau: Plan to take legal action.

Spy charge denied by Bonn

From Our Own Correspond
Bonn, May 23

The West German Go ment took the unusual st *organizing a press conferen* a religious holiday rode defend the reputation o head of the national co intelligence service.

Dr Günter Nollau, chief Federal Office for the Prote of the Constitution, was al in a report last night to East German spy. An ob *magazine, claiming to ha* American Central Intelli Agency report to this sounded the false alarm story gained brief promi here only because memor the discovery of the "spy Chancellery" a month ag still fresh.

The American State D ment added its weight denial in a message to the German Interior Ministry night. It said that nobody i German counter-intellige or ever was, under suspic espionage, nor had any i gation been carried out sphere by American agen

The Interior Ministry today that at the time appointment two years a Nollau had been the sub rumours which had *exhaustively investigated* time, without justification found for the slightest sus

Dr Werner Maihofe Interior Minister, said *that nothing new had* since then to cast doubt Nollau's probity. Dr Nolla self has dismissed the alle as "lies" and plans legal *with the support of his m*

MPs to demand Callaghan candour on Nine

By Our Political Staff

What may prove to be a crucial debate on the Labour Government's attitude towards membership of the EEC has been arranged for the House of Commons on June 11, the day after Parliament reassembles after the Whitsun recess.

Mr Heath and the Opposition *have pressed for the debate to* provide an opportunity for Mr Callaghan, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, to give a full account of the statement he is to make on June 4 to the Council of Foreign Ministers on the renegotiation of the terms of United Kingdom membership of the Nine.

Although the debate is to be held on an adjournment motion, which makes a division highly improbable, there is no doubt that Opposition leaders want to give the closest scrutiny to the Government's statement.

Senior Foreign Office and Treasury civil servants have already completed a round of the capitals of the Nine, except Paris, preparing the ground for Mr Callaghan's statement on June 4, which is expected to be published in London as a White Paper.

There is no doubt that Europeanists at Westminster see some reason for believing that the Labour Government's commitment to renegotiation may be rather less radical than some party rhetoric has so far suggested.

It is being noted that for the present Mr Callaghan has not apparently attempted to base the case for renegotiation on the point of national sovereignty, the point that has been dominant in the minds of anti-Europeanists at Westminster.

Schmidt call to German to strengthen democracy

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, May 23

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, in an address to the nation tonight, reminded citizens that much remained to be done for the permanent realization of democracy. He was speaking on the eve of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the constitution.

The anniversary will be marked tomorrow by a solemn state act of commemoration in Parliament which will be led by President *Heinemann* and televised.

In his broadcast, Herr Schmidt said that one-third of the population had been born since the "*Basic Law*" came into force, and these people took it as a matter of course. "But older people also appro *Basic Law*. And this is sign that the democratic has taken root in our and in their consciousnes

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The Chancellor said th versary was a day to rec significance of the consti "At the same time, *it is* of joy and a day of prid added.

British woman arrested over kidnapping

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, May 23

A British woman is among seven people, four men and three women, arrested yesterday in France following the kidnapping on May 3 of Señor Baltazar Suarez, a Spanish banker, M Jean Ducret, the head of French criminal police, announced

The woman, said to be between 25 and 26, was arrested at Avignon with two other persons. She was said to have been found in possession of 5m francs (about £300,000).

Señor Suarez was kidnapped from his home in the Paris suburb of Neuilly. He was released yesterday

TUC adopt dominant role in Europ

From Paul Routledge,
Copenhagen, May 23

British trade unions strongly asserted their nant role in European a the opening session of th congress of the Europe *Union* Confederation

Mr Len Murray, secretary of the TUC, a proposal calling for pean petroleum bank wi to buy all Britain's N oil.

He also called fo national trade union co on the exchange of inf about collective barga that governments coul troduce statutory co pay under the pretext o wage costs competit other European countri

In an appeal for reali policies of the ETUC presents 30 million and covers most of Europe, Mr Murray dis "half thought out" a s that the oil crisis creat *Middle East* war warra pean petroleum ban monopoly on buying as well as oil produc outside Europe.

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No unilateral decision on Concorde by Britain

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

No decision on the future of the Concorde project will be taken in Britain before discussions with the French partners, government aviation sources made clear yesterday.

Fears entertained by the aerospace industry of a swift, unilateral cancellation of the project by Britain were thus dispelled. It also became clear yesterday that although the Cabinet has discussed the options open to it on the future of the Concorde, no firm decision on which one to adopt has been taken.

The public debate on Concorde costs and the implications of cancellation called for by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, is to continue for some time yet. Ministers are still trying to establish the true cost of such a decision.

What has been established is that the £80m estimated cost of cancellation provided for Mr Benn by civil servants when he set up his inquiry into the project is a serious *underestimate*.

But estimates by the industry and trade unions going as high as £500m are taken to be gross overstatements. The search continues to find the balanced figure.

It emerged yesterday that the Concorde had the narrowest of escapes in *March*, when Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, wanted to announce unilateral cancellation in his Budget speech.

He was dissuaded after arguments from among his Cabinet colleagues that such an action would damage the credibility of Britain in foreign eyes as a country with which they could negotiate.

Bound up with the debate at high level in the Government on the future of the Concorde is the future of the aircraft industry in this country, including plans for nationalization.

Workers march: Two thousand Concorde workers marched through London in rain yesterday in an effort to persuade the Government to abandon any thought of scrapping the aircraft.

The men, who gave up a day's pay to travel to London by coach and car, carried a telegram which must have given the Cabinet in conference at Downing Street an indication of how difficult it would be to abandon the Anglo-French project.

The telegram from President Giscard d'Estaing was addressed to the chairman of Filton Parish Council. It said: "I confirm the very great interest that I have in the success of the Concorde operation, on the technical as well as the commercial plane, and in the development of the aeronautical industry."

Mr Eric Smith, council chairman, presented a petition at No 10 signed by 7,000 people from the French town of St Vallier, which is closely connected with the Concorde

Two men in bank robberies case each get 21 years

Sentences were passed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday by Mr Justice Eveleigh on the men found guilty on Wednesday in the bank robberies trial. The judge described it as the "crime of the century".

Bruce Brown, aged 42, a former golf club captain, of Crossway, Heston, Middlesex, and Bryan Turner, aged 37, a former greengrocer, formerly of Folly Close, Radlett, Hertfordshire, were each jailed for 21 years. Other sentences were:—

James Stanley Wilkinson, aged 30, a car dealer, of Broughton Road, West Ealing, London (16 years); Daniel Allpress, aged 29, of Great North Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire (16 years); William Reynolds, aged 33, of Hindhead Gardens, Northolt, Middlesex (13 years); William Shervill, aged 32, of Warwick Court, Newmarket Road, Greenford, Middlesex (14 years); and David Delaney, aged 34, of Wimbourne Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex (12 years).

Anthony Edward Holt, aged 26, a former bank clerk at Wembley, of Prince's Gardens, Acton, London, was found guilty yesterday of helping in the Wembley robbery, and was remanded in custody until June 10 for reports.

On the application of Mr John Mathew, for the Crown, criminal bankruptcy orders were made against Mr Brown, Mr Turner, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Allpress and Mr Reynolds.

Decline in fresh food costs hides processed line rises

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

Oils and fats have shown some of the sharpest price rises of recent months and their effects have not been felt fully in prices of finished foods. Anyone who buys olives or their oil will have experienced increases already. Those who eat ice cream and fish and chips have not yet had to face their full effect.

The Government disclosed in the Commons this week that frying dripping used in fish and chip *shops was steady at £1.62½ for a* 28lb box for two years from January, 1971. By April last year it had risen to £1.95 and last month it cost £3.75.

Mr T. E. L. Goldsmith, sales and marketing director of Lyons Maid, predicted in the industrial magazine *Frozen Foods* that ice-cream prices would rise by a third in the first half of this year.

The continuing decline in prices of fresh foods therefore masks a slow and persistent increase for processed lines. The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection predicted conspicuous falls yester*day for apples, lemons*, lettuces, tomatoes, cauliflowers and fish.

Even rice has started to fall at wholesale level. It was the product most prone earlier this year to the practice of overstamping with higher price labels.

Prices of home-killed meat are still falling slightly, much to the chagrin of farmers and butchers. Poultry is steady, with the indus*try mounting yet another promo*tion to sell frozen turkeys for the holiday weekend. The cheapest appears to be 26p a pound but most will cost 29p or 30p.

Cod, plaice and possibly fresh haddock should all be markedly cheaper today, while many fishmongers between London and the South Coast are selling small Dover soles very cheaply.

Spring vegetables are now arriving apace and some greengrocers are offering rather premature broad beans at 15p to 20p a pound to tempt those, like me, who find their season cruelly short. Home-grown asparagus costs 75p for a neatly trimmed and bound 1lb bunch while thick stumps are being sold loose for as little as 35p. The latter make good soup.

The first English strawberries are appearing at 30p to 55p for a 6oz *punnet while the larger* Italian ones are slightly cheaper. The best are arriving from France and cost 80p to £1.20p a pound. The cost of the largest, but not necessarily tastiest examples, works out at a little less than 5p a strawberry.

Lettuces and cauliflowers will cost as much as 3p less this weekend although the prices of the more desirable lettuce varieties may drop slowly. Tomatoes and imported dessert apples will drop slightly while pineapples have again appeared at about 40p each for the moderate-sized and 80p or more for the very large.

Avocadoes are also in season and their importers are advertising vigorously. They cost about 15p each while a few shops have mangoes at 25p or 30p each. Both repay careful examination before buying.

$41,000 losses at embassy

From David Cross
Brussels, May 23

Two employees of the United States Embassy in Brussels have been dismissed for the alleged misappropriation of government property and funds. The offences, which took place over many years, are estimated to have cost the American taxpayer at least $41,000 (about £17,000).

The two men, both locally employed Europeans, worked in the general services section. Among other things, this department looked after the maintenance of the embassy and its residences. Both men had had long service on the staff.

Many of the misappropriations involved the illegal use of carpentry and plumbing services, as well as some purchases of equipment. The employees are also alleged to have taken "kickbacks" in services and supplies from contractors.

The Pope calls for world amne

From Peter Nichols
Rome, May 23

The Pope today issued his Bull—the most solemn form of papal pronouncement—proclaiming the forthcoming Holy Year, which he sees as casting light on "the problems which most disturb and torment mankind". He refers to economic and social questions, the problems of ecology and sources of energy, and "above all, that of the liberation of the oppressed and the uplifting of all men to a new dignity of life".

In this connexion, the Pope makes two proposals. The first is for more help to poorer and less fortunate countries. "Once more we make a particularly strong appeal on behalf of developing countries, and of peoples still afflicted by hunger and by war.

"We should like also to express the humble and sincere desire that in this present Holy Year the proper authorities of the different nations should consider the possibility of wisely granting an amnesty to prisoners, as a witness to clemency and equity, especially to those who have given sufficient *proof of moral and civic rehabi*litation, or who may have been caught up in political and social upheavals too immense for them to be held fully responsible."

The Pope opens his Bull by recounting the tradition of Holy Years, which are every 25 years, and twin themes for 19 newal and reconcili

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OVERSEAS

Impeachment inquiry in grim mood after President's refusal to obey present and future subpoenas

From Fred Emery
Washington, May 23

The House of Representatives impeachment inquiry continued today in grimmer mood after Mr Nixon's express refusal to abide by present or future subpoenas for evidence. The President's edited tape transcripts were also *described publicly* as "inadequate and unsatisfactory", and as unreliable evidence that should be treated with great reservation, by Mr John Doar, chief counsel to the House judiciary committee.

Mr Doar has now had time to compare some transcripts with the full tapes that have come into his possession through the grand jury investigation. On reflection, he said, he had found enough differences to make surrender of the actual tapes to the committee an imperative.

The President's defiance was termed "a very grave matter" by Mr Peter Rodino, chairman of the impeachment committee. Vice-President Ford has again urged Mr Nixon to cooperate with Congress, if not with the special prosecutor, whose right to pursue his separate subpoenas is being challenged by the President.

In a separate issue, the President has also been served two subpoenas from a federal court on behalf of his two former senior advisers, Mr John Ehrlichman and Mr Charles Colson. They face trial on conspiracy charges arising out of the White House "plumbers" breaking into the home of Dr Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist. The President has until tomorrow to answer.

Judge Gerhard Gesell has said he may throw out the case if the Government does not supply evidence, as required under the law, that may prove exculpatory to defendants. (Ironically such government misconduct led to the case against Dr Ellsberg himself being thrown out in the *middle of the trial a year ago*).

The luckless Senate Watergate committee today lost its appeal for the White House tapes it originally subpoenaed. The Court of Appeals upheld unanimously a lower court ruling that, *in effect, the impeachment* events had overtaken the Senate committee.

Senator Sam Ervin, whose investigators were the ones to cause Mr Alexander Butterfield to blurt out that the President taped everything, has vowed that he will try taking his case to the Supreme Court, but it looks hopeless.

Virtually every one of Mr Nixon's visitors *these days* admits to have been watching secretly for tell-tale signs of the strain he must be under. Yet all come away saying he looks fine. *There are no quivers.*

The latest group were the foreign ministers of the Central Treaty Organization, including Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary, who all came away apparently feeling the President was bearing up astonishingly well. He looked a little dark round the eyes, but so did everyone in Washington from the sort of work *being put* in.

The President was thought to be impressively briefed on Cento affairs. He gave special attention to Mr Aziz Ahmed, the Pakistan Foreign Minister. Mr Nixon brought the focus of conversation back to him continually, well *knowing* the concern over India's nuclear explosion.

Standing behind the man as he spoke of foreign policy, could be sensed, it was said, the continuing might and stability of the United States, whatever happened to him. That was what mattered in foreign policy and it could all be pursued in spite of impeachment. Of course, there were problems, but it did not change the fundamentals of American strength.

Peter Strafford writes from New York: Father John McLaughlin, *the ebullient Jesuit* priest who is employed in a public relations job at the White House, has been called to order by his religious superior over *the strong support* he gave to President Nixon in a recent press conference, defending the President's use of swear words.

Father Richard Cleary, the *regional provincial of the* Jesuits for New England, said in Boston yesterday that he was summoning Father McLaughlin for an eight-day-retreat. He was asking him to "*pray about* his situation and reflect with me".

Father McLaughlin said today that he had not yet decided whether to obey Father Cleary's summons.

Hearst case gang perplexes the FBI

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, May 23

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is perplexed by the so-called *Symbionese Liberation* Army. Mr Clarence Kelley, the FBI *Director*, has not been afraid repeatedly to say in public that his "G-men" had no idea where Miss Patricia Hearst was being held originally in San Francisco.

Now, with his men issuing a "Wanted" notice for her as a *dangerous criminal, the situation* has hardly changed. Even the Los Angeles shootings were luck rather than detection.

Clearly, this group of well-educated terrorists is of great preoccupation to the FBI; not least because its elusiveness is an embarrassment to an agency that prides itself on getting its fugitives.

It is true, if unnoticed, that during the Hearst affair 15 other cases of kidnapping have occurred here and all have been solved with the help of the FBI. Virtually all the ransom money *has been recovered and all the* kidnappers captured. That success only points up the inability to trace the SLA.

The fact that its associates *have been able to resist a reward* offer said to have been double the $50,000 (£20,000) publicized also is inexplicable

One conclusion being drawn is that the FBI must have its powers to tap telephones restored. It is intended to use the SLA incident as ammunition to persuade Congress to change *the law*.

India is accused of opening nuclear road

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, May 23

Mr Agha Shahi, the Pakistani delegate told the 25-nation Disarmament Conference here today that a *new situation*, full of menace to neighbouring countries, *had arisen after* India's detonation of an underground *nuclear device*.

"The barrier to nuclear proliferation *interposed* by the non-proliferation treaty has been demolished", he said. "The road has been thrown open for the emergence of a seventh *and an eighth nuclear power, for* Israel and South Africa to emulate India's example, with all the consequences to the peace and security of the Middle East and southern Africa that must ineluctably follow for those already explosive regions."

Mr Shahi said India's surreptitious entry into the nuclear club was a severe blow to hopes *that nations of the southern* Asian subcontinent could devote their attention and resources exclusively to the elimination of poverty and distress afflicting *countless millions*.

In choosing the nuclear option, India had spent, according to United Nations sources, over $150m (about £62m) *annually for the past decade at* least.

Mr Brajesh Mishra, the Indian delegate referred critics to the letter sent by Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, to Mr Bhutto, the Pakistan Prime Minister.

Later Mr Mishra told correspondents that India's rocket programme was "proceeding normally", with testing going on at a range in southern India. Some technological aid was being provided by the United Nations.

Delegates of Nigeria, Britain, *Canada and Holland expressed* varying degrees of regret that India had decided to explode a nuclear device.

Our Delhi Correspondent writes: Mrs Gandhi, assured Mr Bhutto in her letter that India's "*peaceful*" *explosion of* a nuclear device last Saturday did not pose any threat to Pakistan's security.

Mrs Gandhi is understood to have reaffirmed that her Government has no intention of manufacturing nuclear weapons. She also recalled that both India and Pakistan were pledged to resolve their differences peacefully under the 1972 Simla Agreement.

Mrs Gandhi's letter was presumably prompted by Mr Bhutto's angry reaction in Lahore last Sunday to India's test when *he accused India of* "brandishing the sword of nuclear blackmail".

Mr Bhutto also gave a warning that the test would have an *adverse effect on the process of* normalizing Indo-Pakistan relations.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: The Central Treaty *Organization (Cento)* "*took* note" disapprovingly of India's nuclear test in the communiqué closing its annual ministerial meeting here last night.

The Foreign Ministers of Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and Britain—with Mr Kenneth Rush, Acting Secretary of State, observing—expressed their "opposition to *nuclear proliferation*".

Nepal bans German climbers for three years

From Our Correspondent
Katmandu, May 23

Nepal has imposed a three-year climbing ban on the Oberland Sektion of the German Alpine Club after the unauthorized climbing of a *Himalayan peak in April*.

A fine of $600 (about £250) has also been imposed on the defaulting expedition, which was led by Herr Pete Beednar, an engineer from Munich.

The penalty is the most severe imposed since 1950, when Nepal first allowed a climbing expedition in. The three-year ban will run from the end of this year's monsoon season.

A Nepal Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the action *was taken after thorough in*vestigation and keeping in mind "the need for strict discipline and regularity in mountaineering activities".

The German expedition was given permission to scale Annapurna 2, in western Nepal but instead climbed Annapurna 4.

Three of the eight members—Herr George Gruber, aged 30, Herr Heinz Hutti, aged 30, and *Herr Franz Leutgab, aged 26*—climbed Annapurna 4 on April 26. When the message of their success was received by the Foreign Ministry it asked them *to cease their attempt on Annapurna 2* and return to Katmandu at once. One of the three told journalists on his arrival here early this month that they *did not climb Annapurna 4*.

Soviet olive branch to Peking on waterways

Moscow, May 23.—The Soviet Union today offered to cooperate with China over improving navigation conditions in waterways along their common frontier if China respected Soviet territorial integrity.

Tass said the Soviet Foreign Ministry today handed a Note to the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow declaring that "the Soviet side sees no difficulties in the solution of the question of the passage of Chinese vessels through Soviet inland waterways. . . ."

The statement particularly mentioned the Amur and Ussuri rivers, the scene of Sino-Soviet armed clashes some five years ago, which run along the frontier.

The Note added that the passage of Chinese vessels through Soviet waterways depended on whether China returned to "the positions of respect of the sovereign rights and territorial integrity of the Soviet Union".

Failure to come to agreement *on the question* led to a worsening of relations, culminating in the 1969 border clashes.

In addition, the Soviet press has printed several attacks on Peking over the past few weeks because of the continued Chinese detention of a Soviet military helicopter and its crew, who made a forced landing on the Chinese side of the frontier in March. Moscow has asked the International Red Cross to intervene.—Reuter.

Commonwealth development bank proposed

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The establishment of a Commonwealth development bank will be considered by financial experts of Britain, Canada, India, Nigeria, Kenya and Jamaica when they meet in London from May 28 to June 7.

The bank could help developing Commonwealth countries which can compete in delivery dates and prices of exports—against industrial countries, but cannot match their credit facilities. The bank could also help to finance joint ventures between Commonwealth countries.

The British Commonwealth Development Corporation has during the past 10 years assisted development and has also benefited British trade, with the profits ploughed back to expand its own operations. A similar institution supported by several Commonwealth countries could, it is argued, help to develop the trade of members on a wider *multilateral* basis.

The experts who will discuss this project have been nominated by their Governments and selected by Mr Arnold Smith, the Commonwealth Secretary-General. They will meet again in July and report to the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' meeting in the autumn.

German jailed in Greece for leaflet protest

From Our Correspondent
Athens, May 23

Herr Günter Wallraff, the West German writer, was today sentenced by the Athens special military court to 14 months' imprisonment for violating the martial law. *He chained himself* to a lamp-post in Constitution Square two weeks ago to distribute anti-regime literature.

He said he had intended to demonstrate West German solidarity with the Greek people. "If this was turned into a public lesson in fascism, this is scarcely my fault", he added.

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OVERSEAS

Dr Soares says Portugal must profit from the decolonizing experience of Britain and others

Lisbon, May 23.—Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, today praised the leaders of the liberation movements in his country's three African territories as "men of great stature" and appealed to white settlers to accept self-determination of the three lands as a solution that would safeguard their interests and assure a future for their children.

He made the statement on the eve of his departure for London, where he will meet Guinea rebel leaders for the first official peace talks in the 13-year-old African wars. His Government is hoping for similar talks with the rebels in Mozambique and Angola soon.

Dr Soares said the first task was to achieve a ceasefire, and that the future of the three territories would be determined by a referendum. "Details of the referendum have not been worked out", he told journalists. "One of the primary tasks of the Government is to calm the White population down.

"We must tell them that it [self-determination] is in their own interest and for their children's future. It best defends them. . . . We need their cooperation."

The leaders of the liberation movements, whom the former right-wing regime called terrorists, were, he said, men of great stature "not only in their own countries, but in the international field".

Mr Aristides Pereira, of the Guinea liberation movement, whom he will meet in London, was "a man of the open spirit", Dr Soares said. Mr Agostinho Neto, head of the Movement for the Liberation of Angola, was "a great leader and a poet" and Mr Samora Machel, head of Frelimo (Front for the Liberation of Mozambique) was "a man of great knowledge and a great sense of responsibility".

Dr Soares used the word decolonization in describing future developments in Portuguese Africa. He said the way chosen by Portugal's new rulers was based on the experience of Britain, France, Holland and other countries in dissolving their former empires. "We have to accept these experiences in our own decolonization", he said.

Asked how South Africa and Rhodesia would react to Portuguese territories being run by blacks, Dr Soares said: "This is a problem concerning only those countries. But I think that South Africa should not be afraid of any interference from our side as our policy toward other nations will be based on mutual respect and non-interference in other countries' internal affairs.

"If I personally do not agree with the racist policy of South Africa, it does not mean I do not respect them. We will continue our relationship of good neighbourliness." Portugal would try to continue good relations with all its old friends, including Spain.

He said new links would have to be forged, possibly with British mentorship, with communist countries, the Arab world and the nations of Africa. He predicted problems with Chile where, he said, relations might suffer because of the treatment of political prisoners held by the right-wing junta.

The European Economic Community was now opening its doors to Portugal, he said, and he expected a treaty of association to emerge fairly soon.

Lourenço Marques, May 23.—General Basto Machado commander of the Portuguese armed forces in Mozambique, has been dismissed, it was announced here today. The move was made while Dr Antonio de Almeida Santos, Minister for Interterritorial Coordination, was meeting African strikers, white residents and troops to discuss the future of the territory.

General Machado was replaced by General Orlando Barbosa, who arrived quietly from Lisbon on Tuesday and flew directly to Nampula, the military headquarters of the armed forces here.

Dr Santos, who hinted that the new Governor of Mozambique might be a former opponent of Dr Caetano, Dr Henrique Soares de Melo, left for Angola today, after a three-day visit, without having settled any of the outstanding labour or political issues. He held a special press conference before his departure for Luanda to make it clear that he had never said Mozambique would have a black government within a year. He believed that Mozambique would have a black government eventually, but he was unable to say when this would be.

Although the Portuguese armed forces wanted peace, they were prepared to continue the war against Frelimo until agreement had been reached on a ceasefire, he said.

This statement appeared to have been made to reassure South Africa, observers said. However, he went farther when he added: "Rhodesia need have no fears about its security position." He said he was not aware of any instructions from Lisbon withdrawing permission for Rhodesian troops to enter Mozambique in pursuit of guerrillas. — Agence France Presse and UPI.

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Wiriyamu investigator on mission to Lisbon

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, May 23

A member of the United Nations commission investigating alleged massacres in Mozambique flew from Madrid to Lisbon today for informal contacts with the Portuguese authorities.

Mr Atle Grahl-Madsen, of Norway, the West European regional representative on the commission, is understood to have made the trip in his personal capacity in order to elicit the cooperation of the Portuguese Government. He was expected to confer in Lisbon with Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister, before rejoining the commission this weekend in Rome.

Mr Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya, of Nepal, the chairman of the commission, did not mention Mr Grahl-Madsen's Lisbon trip during a press conference in Madrid today. He did say that the commission had sent a telegram to the Portuguese authorities on April 30 and had not yet received an official reply. It was pointed but to him that the provisional Government of Portugal had not been formed on April 30.

He said the commission had no immediate plans to make an official visit to Lisbon, but he hoped eventually to question Portuguese Army officers and troops who might have witnessed the alleged atrocities.

The commission would continue its sessions on Monday in Rome, where it was hoped to speak to more witnesses. He also said that authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, possibly including Mgr Casaroli, the Vatican's Secretary for Public Affairs, would be asked about evidence furnished by Catholic missionaries.

Mr Upadhyay said the commission would go from Rome to Dar es Salaam, Lusaka and other places in Africa. He said that, after interrogating eight witnesses in London and 13 in Madrid, "all members of the commission think they have a clear concept of the location of Wiriyamu, where missionaries claimed that one of the incidents took place".

Mr Upadhyay said: "On July 10, 1973, the world community was once again shocked by the violence resulting from colonial oppression. On that date *The Times* of London published on its front page an article by the Rev Adrian Hastings reporting two series of massacres perpetrated by Portuguese troops against the African population in Mozambique."

Although some of the newspaper reports mentioned the alleged participation of Rhodesian troops in atrocities committed in Mozambique, the commission would probably not go to Rhodesia. He said that the commission had learnt the whereabouts of one survivor of a Mozambique incident, a boy identified in a *Sunday Times* report simply as Antonio, and his evidence would be sought.

The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution setting up the commission of inquiry on December 12, 1973.

A Governor remembered: Sir Frederick Guggisberg (1869-1930) is being honoured as an enlightened colonial administrator by this statue, commissioned from Saka Acquaye, the Ghanaian artist, to stand outside Korle Bu Hospital in Accra.

Sir Frederick, who was serving with the Royal Engineers, was appointed Director of Surveys in the Gold Coast (now Ghana) in 1905. In 1910 he moved to a similar post in Southern Nigeria. Three years later he became Surveyor General for all Nigeria.

In 1919 he became Governor of the Gold Coast, and in 1928 he was appointed Governor of British Guiana.

Sir Frederick is now acknowledged by Africans as enlightened for his time. Nearly 30 years of close association with them convinced him of their potential ability and he contributed greatly to spreading their education.

Beirut accusation of British prejudice

From Paul Martin
Beirut, May 23

Britain's reputation among the Arabs for even-handedness in the Middle East crisis, which won it exemption from the Arab oil embargo, is being seriously questioned. Lebanon, the least doctrinaire Arab country, has accused the Labour Government of "flagrant prejudice" in Israel's favour and has hinted that it might call for sanctions by Arab oil states.

This follows Mr Wilson's message of condolence to Israel after the Maalot raid. Lebanon's government-run National News Agency reproduced the message in full, declaring that the Prime Minister had "gone out of his way to express personal as well as Britain's sympathies".

The message to Mrs Golda Meir, the Israel Prime Minister upset the Arabs, all the more because there was no equally strong expression of regret over the Israel reprisal against Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Twice as many civilian casualties were caused in the Israel air strikes.

A Palestinian guerrilla leader has already accused Britain of being a "venomous serpent" in Middle East affairs. Speaking to refugee mourners at Nabatieh refugee camp, which was half destroyed in Israel air strikes last Thursday, Mr Abu Lutuf, a Fatah leader, called for an Arab reappraisal of Britain's role.

The whole matter has served to revive Arab fears that under a Labour Government, with its tendency to support Israel, Britain's relations with the Arabs would deteriorate.

The Lebanese agency quoted a Lebanese Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying: "When Israel staged its massive air reprisal against Palestinian refugee camps and border villages in Lebanon, the British Foreign Office merely condemned all acts of violence. The difference was clear between the position the British Prime Minister had taken on the two events. Britain is becoming flagrantly prejudiced in favour of Israel, ignoring, or seeming to ignore, the Arab rights."

With no army to speak of, Lebanon has traditionally depended on world public opinion in its struggle to maintain an independent national identity in the hurly burly of Middle East politics. Hence, it is very sensitive about the reactions of important world governments to any acts of aggression from outside.

The expressions of Lebanese disapproval involve a veiled threat to Britain. Quoting an unidentified Arab ambassador in the same report, the National News Agency questioned Britain's vital economic relations with the Arabs.

It quoted the ambassador as saying: "At the summit conference in Algiers last November the Arab heads of state decided to classify Britain as a friendly nation, exempting her from restrictions imposed against Israel's friends. . . . But after the Maalot incident and repeated Israel aggression against Lebanon later, we were surprised to see Britian taking a prejudiced stand in Israel's favour.

"This may jeopardize her oil and economic relations with us."

It is significant that the question of Britain's oil supplies from the Arab world should be raised at this point. Arab oil ministers are due to meet in Cairo on June 1, and it is certain that the attitudes of various governments in relation to the Arab cause will again be raised.

Lebanon is not an oil producer, but the Maalot raid and the lessons to be drawn from it will be one of the issues the ministers will tackle. Furthermore, the Arab states are aware of the fact that, with a settlement on the Egyptian and perhaps the Syrian fronts, the one issue to be resolved will be that of the Palestinians and that the political and military battleground will be Lebanon.

Kissinger optimism on Golan peace

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He said great progress
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Two Portuguese ex-ministers home from exile

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, May 23

Dr César Moreira Baptista, the former Minister of the Interior, and Professor Joaquim Silva Cunha, who was Overseas Minister, have been flown back to Lisbon from their exile in Madeira.

They had been sent there with President Tomás and Dr Caetano, the former Prime Minister, by the junta of National Salvation immediately after the military takeover of April 25. The former President and Prime Minister were subsequently allowed to leave Madeira for exile in Brazil.

Government sources indicated that the return was not on the initiative of Portugal's provisional Government. However, the Junta of National Salvation, headed by General Spinola, who is also President of the Republic, exists as a powerful separate entity from the Government, for whose appointment it was responsible.

Lusaka meetings aim at united liberation front

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, May 23

A series of meetings is being held in the Zambian capital of Lusaka aimed at forming a united front among liberation movements from Portugal's African territories.

Three heads of states bordering the Portuguese territories are involved in the talks. The leader of one of the nationalist movements is already here and it is thought others may arrive in the next few days.

Although no official statements are being made, it is obvious that the object of the talks is to obtain as united a front as possible among the movements in preparation for any talks with the Portuguese authorities.

President Nyerere of Tanzania arrived in Lusaka yesterday accompanied by Mr Samora Machel, president of Frelimo (the Mozambique Liberation Movement) and they went immediately by helicopter to State House. They flew out today after their talks with President Kaunda.

On Saturday President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is due here and there is speculation that he will be accompanied by at least one of the Angolan liberation movement leaders, if not two. The one most likely to come with him is thought to be Mr Holden Roberto, head of the Angolan movement, NFLA.

In the centre, of course, is President Kaunda, of Zambia, whose abhorrence of the minority governments in southern Africa is well known.

For several years the heads of state of Zambia, Tanzania and Zaire have done all they can to create unity. The rapid changes in the politics of Portugal since the coup there have now provided the opportunity for them to achieve their objective of bringing the separate insurgent groups together with a unified policy.

The groups themselves realize that there is less chance of them achieving their full objectives for complete independence if they are not united in their demands.

Film director sent to labour camp

Moscow, May 23.—A Soviet film director has been sentenced to six years in a labour camp for homosexuality and incitement to suicide, reliable sources said here today.

The sources said the director, Sergei Paradzhanov, aged 50, was arrested in Kiev, in December, and was tried recently in the city. A charge against him of speculation in foreign currency was apparently dropped.

Market-place fritters poison 200 Congolese

Brazzaville, May 23.—Nearly 200 Congolese, mainly women and children, who were taken to hospital with food poisoning, went home last night after receiving treatment. They are believed to have eaten fritters sold in a market.—Agence France-Presse.

Jewish physicist for trial on 'traffic offence'

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Dr Victor Polsky, a Moscow physicist, has been charged with a driving offence and may face a sentence of up to three years in a Soviet prison. The significance of the case, according to Jewish sources in London, is that this will be the first occasion on which the Soviet authorities have tried a Jewish activist in Moscow itself.

Dr Polsky, who applied with his family for exit visas to Israel in 1970, was dismissed from his post as director of an X-ray laboratory for the Ministry of Electrical Engineering Industry in 1971. His wife lost her job as a radio engineer in the year before.

It is thought that the Soviet authorities have hesitated to hold trials of Jews seeking exit visas in Moscow, as opposed to other cities, because of the large number of foreig ing there. In this p case, it is feared that a trial may be present traffic offence.

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The doctor, who wa the Moscow Jews v Senator Edward Ken cently, has been detai our trial on several and otherwise harasse police.

Visit to dissenter refuse

Moscow, May 23.—The mother of Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the imprisoned Russian dissenter, said today she had again been refused permission to visit her sick son, whom she has not seen since last October.

She had hoped to visit him at his camp in the Urals at the end of June, she told foreign journalists, but the authorities had rejected her application for the second time since February.

Mrs Bukovsky said illegal under Soviet la cel two such visits suc

In an open letter to national Red Cross, she feared her son might serious liver disease b was allowed to see hin

Mr Bukovsky was to a total of 12 yea tion and exile in alleged anti-Soviet ag Reuter.

Law Report May 23 1974

Court of Appeal

Treaty of Rome introduces new commercial torts into English law

Application des Gaz SA v Falks Veritas Ltd

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice Roskill.

[Judgments delivered May 22]

The Court of Appeal, considering for the first time the effect of the Treaty of Rome as part of English law, dismissed an interlocutory appeal by French plaintiffs, Application des Gaz SA, from an order of Mr Justice Whitford that English defendants, Falks Veritas Ltd, of London, be at liberty to amend their defence and counterclaim to a copyright action by Gaz begun before the United Kingdom became a member of the European Economic Community.

The effect of the amendments, once effect entry into the EEC, was to allege that Gaz had abused their dominant position within the common market" and entered into agreements and "concerted practices" prohibited as "incompatible with the common market", contrary to articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty of Rome made part of the law of the United Kingdom by the European Communities Act, 1972.

Article 85 provides: "1. The following shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market: all agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices which may affect trade between Member States and which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market. . . . 2. Any agreements or decisions prohibited pursuant to this Article shall be automatically void."

By article 86 "Any abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position within the common market or in a substantial part of it shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market in so far as it may affect trade between Member States."

Mr Vivian Price, QC, and Mr W. Bruce Spalding for Gaz: Mr F. P. Neill, QC, and Mr Raph Lunzer for Veritas.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case came about because of a tin can containing butane gas in liquid form. To use it you fitted it into a holder, pierced the top, and lit the flame.

The first of its shape had been made by Gaz, which claimed a copyright in the drawing of it made by a French citizen years ago.

Veritas, manufacturers of camping equipment, had for some years made, under licence from Gaz, tin cans containing liquefied gas; but the licence did not enable Veritas to make cans of the same shape as the Gaz tins.

In 1970 Veritas decided to make tins of the same shape as the Gaz tins, the only difference being that Gaz tins were blue and the Veritas tins orange. Veritas sold many Veritas tins and paid royalties on them to Gaz.

Later, however, Gaz took exception to the venture. They had long ago granted a concession to another English company, PTC-Langdon Ltd, by which Langdon were given the exclusive right to make and sell Gaz products, including the blue tins, in the United Kingdom. The Veritas tins cut directly into their exclusive market because they could be used in the Gaz holders.

Gaz and Langdon took steps to stop the competition in a case which had not yet been tried. They also began an action in 1972 against Veritas, claiming that Veritas had infringed the copyright in the drawing of the Gaz tin. They claimed that all the orange tins belonged to them, and demanded delivery up, damages for conversion of those sold, and an injunction. Veritas put in a defence denying the copyright, and alleging that Gaz had accepted royalties on the orange tins and had acquiesced in their production or were estopped from complaining.

Then the European Communities Act was passed, giving the Treaty of Rome legal effect in the United Kingdom from January 1, 1973. Veritas thought there were provisions in the Treaty which gave them additional defences and sought to amend their defence and counterclaim by alleging, first, that Gaz, in association with Langdon, had abused their dominant position, contrary to article 86, by bringing pressure to bear on wholesalers to handle Gaz products only. Veritas also said that Gaz and Langdon had joined in a concerted practice, contrary to article 85, to prevent or restrict "competition within the common market".

Gaz opposed the amendments. Mr Justice Whitford allowed them to be made. Gaz appealed.

The first point taken for Gaz was that the claim for infringement of copyright arose before we joined the Community; that the rights of the parties should be decided according to the law as it stood when the writ was issued in 1972 and not as altered by the Treaty; and that the Treaty should not be applied restrospectively to affect the rights of the parties in actions begun before that date.

His Lordship accepted that proposition in general; but Gaz also claimed an injunction to prevent Veritas in the future from making or selling Veritas tins. If an injunction were granted it would operate from the date of trial onwards, and the matter would have to be decided according to the law as it stood at the date of the trial. Gaz recognized that but urged that any amendment should await the trial and not be allowed now.

Much was to be said for that. If the amendments were allowed they would give rise to delay and expense, with much discovery on the issues of "abuse of dominant position" and "concerted practice". The trial would last much longer.

But so long as Gaz insisted on the claim for an injunction the amendments could not be refused, provided they raised points which were fairly arguable. After all, if they were abusing their dominant position and acting in concert to prevent competition, contrary to Community law, they should not be granted an injunction.

As his Lordship had listened to the arguments he had been greatly impressed with the impact which the Treaty would have on our law. In any transaction which contained a European element we must look to the Treaty, for it was part of our law, equal in force to any statute. It must be applied by our courts. In the present case the court had to consider important points of substantive law.

Articles 85 and 86 introduced two important new principles into the law of England. Article 85 forbade any concerted practice which unduly restricted competition within the Community. Article 86 forbade any abuse of a "dominant position within the common market or a substantial part of it". Article 87 dealt with procedures enabling the Council at Brussels to make regulations or directives for enforcing articles 85 and 86; and the Council had made a regulation—regulation 17—which said that "if the Commission at Brussels finds that article 85 or 86 is being infringed, it can take steps to put an end to the infringement".

Those provisions were in a style very different from an English statute. They stated general principles and laid down broad policies but they did not go into detail.

So much was left unsaid that a great deal had to be filled in by the courts. The Common Market Law Reports contained case after case referred to the European Court to find out the meaning and effect of those articles. The court interpreted them according to the "wording and spirit of the Treaty". Every one of those cases was of importance to commercial men. That court was moulding the law of Europe into a single whole which every member state must obey.

The present case was an illustration. Gaz relied on copyright. That was a piece of industrial and commercial property like patents, trade marks and trade names. Such property, by its very nature, created a monopoly. It enabled the owner to prevent or restrict competition. It gave him a dominant position. Yet there was nothing in the Treaty dealing with it save that article 36 contemplated that member states could make and apply laws for "the protection of industrial and commercial property" provided that they did not "constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between Member States".

The European Court had interpreted articles 36, 85 and 86 by saying that in the ordinary way national courts could protect and enforce patents, trade marks, copyright and trade names by their own laws with their own remedies as they had always done; but that national courts should not enforce such rights in any case where such enforcement would impede the free movement of goods within the Community between one member state and another.

One remedy for a person injured by infringements of articles 85 and 86 was to request the Commission to investigate. If the Commission found an infringement it could order the offender to stop and impose a fine. The offender could appeal to the European Court, but it might take months, even years.

So there was much to be said for a remedy given in the national courts. *Belgische Radio en Televisie and NV Fonior* in the European Court (*The Times*, February 4 and April 1) showed that articles 85 and 86 created rights in private citizens which they could enforce in the national courts and which the national courts were bound to uphold; and it was held that it was for the national courts to assess the facts to see whether they amounted to an infringement.

Articles 85 and 86 were part of our law. They created new torts named "undue restriction of competition within the Common Market" and "abuse of dominant position with the Common Market". Any infringement of those articles could be dealt with by our English courts. It was for them to find the facts, apply the law, and use the remedies which we had available.

It was for the English courts to inquire whether the conduct of Gaz was an infringement of articles 85 and 86. If it was it might affect their claim to copyright. Veritas should have leave to amend, for they raised points which, if correct, would show that even if Gaz were in strict law entitled to the copyright, they claimed, they should not be allowed to enforce it, because they were infringing articles 85 and 86 and should not be granted an injunction. The appeal should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE STAMP, with whose judgment Lord Justice Roskill entirely agreed, said that if the facts alleged in the amendments to the defence were to be proved and if it were shown that the effect of the Treaty was, on those facts, to inhibit the court from granting the injunction claimed by Gaz, the amendments would clearly afford a good defence. And in determining whether the amendments ought or ought not to be allowed, his Lordship could see no good reason for departing from the usual practice of our courts.

Since, by the effect of section 2 of the 1972 Act, "all such rights, powers, liabilities, obligations and restrictions created or arising by or under the Treaty of Rome are now recognized and available in law", a defence based on the provisions of the Treaty was a defence in English law, and the question whether in the circumstances of any particular case it ought to be allowed to be raised by amendment fell as precisely within its terms as if they were contained in an enactment of the United Kingdom Parliament. The judge so approached the question and he was right.

It had been submitted that it would be wrong to allow an amendment to the defence based on legislation subsequent to the date of the issue of the writ. But it was abundantly clear that the question whether an injunction ought to be granted fell to be determined by reference to the circumstances and the state of the law at the date when it had to be determined and not at the date of the issue of the writ.

It was not shown that the application to amend was other than bona fide or was frivolous or vexatious; and on the principle that, as far as possible all matters of controversy between the parties might, in the words of section 43 of the Judicature Act, 1925, "be completely and finally determined, and all multiplicity of legal proceedings concerning any of those matters avoided" the defendant ought to be allowed to plead the case set out in the amendments.

It would be wrong on an interlocutory application to express any view as to the likely outcome of the issue raised by the amendments, but, as the Master of the Rolls had indicated, it would be a miscarriage of justice if the amendments were not allowed and an injunction were granted which, if the true facts had been known, it would have been wrong to grant. The appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Titmuss, Sainer & Webb; Ashurst, Morris, Crisp & Co.

Motorist's fear of the needle

Regina v Harding

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Willis

A motorist who claimed to be afraid of hypodermic needles had his conviction for failing to provide a laboratory test specimen quashed because the jury were not allowed to decide whether he had a reasonable excuse for his failure. The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by Anthony Raymond Harding, aged 21, railway foreman, from conviction at Cardiff Crown Court (Mr Recorder Oliver) of failing "without reasonable excuse" to provide the specimen, contrary to section 9 (3) of the Road Traffic Act, 1972.

Mr Hugh V. Williams for the appellant; Mr William Gaskell for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON said that the appellant refused to provide a blood specimen, tried but failed to provide a second urine specimen and again refused blood. His evidence was that he had fainted at school when being vaccinated at 14 and had been afraid of needles ever since. He had refused injections and stitches when he put his arm through a window and at the dentist. His mother said that he was terrified of needles. The recorder ruled that his excuse was incapable of being reasonable and directed the jury to convict.

The test in *R v Lennard* ([1973] 1 WLR 483, 487) was "No excuse can be adjudged . . . reasonable . . . unless the person . . . is physically or mentally unable to provide it or the provision . . . would entail a substantial risk to his health". In *R v Reid (Philip)* ([1973] 1 WLR 1283) and *R v John* (*The Times*, March 15) the words in *Lennard* had been considered as possibly too restrictive or rigid if construed too strictly. They provided a good working rule for distinguishing between reasonable excuses and those which were not.

Mr Williams accepted the *Lennard* test and submitted that the defence evidence established that the appellant was mentally unable to furnish a blood specimen and/or its provision would have entailed a substantial risk to his health.

The evidence came nowhere near establishing any risk to health, but the jury might have inferred that he was truly incapacitated by fear from submitting to the insertion of the needle. It might have been difficult, if not impossible, for a jury to have accepted, in the absence of medical evidence, that because he shared the common experience of adolescents in fainting at injections or the thought of them this grown man genuinely suffered from an invincible repugnance to any use of the needle, and that he could not overcome that irrational fear however hard he tried. But that was what the jury were asked to believe. The reluctant conclusion was that the recorder was wrong to deny them the opportunity of saying whether they believed it or not. The verdict could not stand.

The decision did not mean that the appellant had a reasonable excuse or that other motorists could hope to avoid conviction by simply claiming fear of the needle, without any medical evidence as to their mental state. The law expected responsible adults to overcome their fears, whether rational or irrational, in order to comply with it. As Lord Parker said in *Rowland v Thorpe* ([1970] RTR 406, 412), "the mental condition or the physical injuries must be of a very extreme character to constitute a reasonable excuse"; that applied to a mental condition alleged to result from a nervous constitution or a traumatic experience in the past.

No fear short of a phobia recognized by medical science to be as strong and inhibiting as, for instance, claustrophobia could be allowed to excuse failure to provide a laboratory test specimen, and in most if not all cases where the fear of providing it was claimed to be invincible, the claim would have to be supported by medical evidence.

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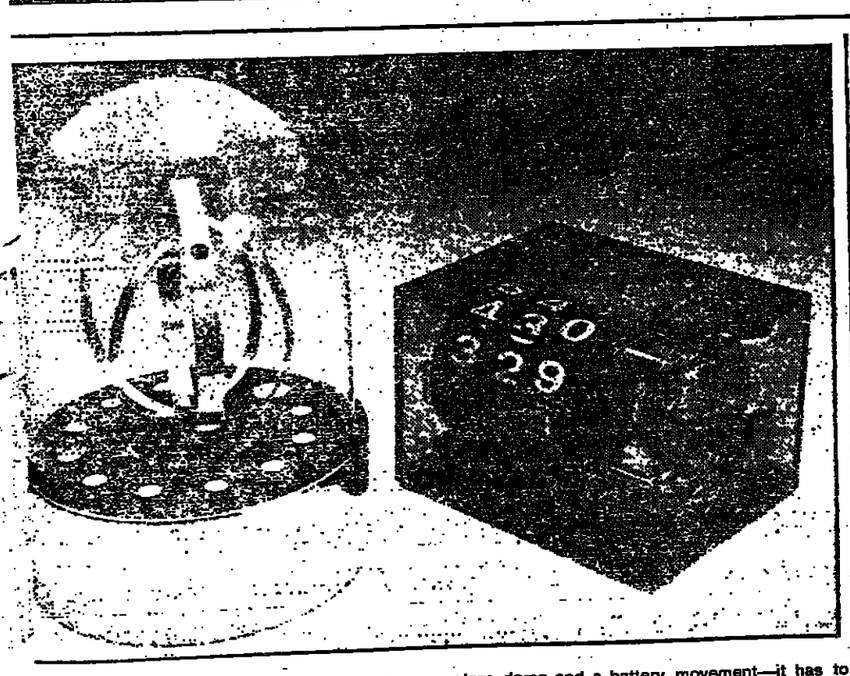
The salad bowl is a block of wood 7in high by 9in square, hollowed-out in the middle. The price is about £19.90. Details of stockists from Premier Services of the above address.

Photographs by Trevor Sutton



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Hoop Clock has a polished chrome base, a glass dome and a battery movement—it has to be studied from above to give the time clearly. The price is £28. Both clocks are in an original range from Christon Associates—there is one called La Posh which looks like a giant rectangular wrist watch supported on a steel bracelet (£25). Stockists and illustrated leaflets from Christon Associates, 9/12 Brandon Road, London N.7.

● I recently chose as a wedding present the named towels about which I have written before. They have the ends embroidered, to order, with names or even with brief messages. The firm now has a printed colour leaflet giving prices (hand towels are £1.90, bath towels £3.40; and giant beach towels are £5.20—plus 30p postage).

The towels take about three weeks to deliver, are of good, deep pile and quality, in rich colours (turquoise, mimosa, Oxford blue, white, orange, and cerise). The embroidery is white and the name or message limited to 16 letters. Romantics, they say, order "My Darling" towels, but there are others who ask for "Chauvinist pig". Businesses are buying the hand towels as promotional gifts, at discounts for quantity. Personal buyers are having fun thinking up 16-letter messages. The address is Barlow and Associate, Dept 1, Broad Oak Close, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire.

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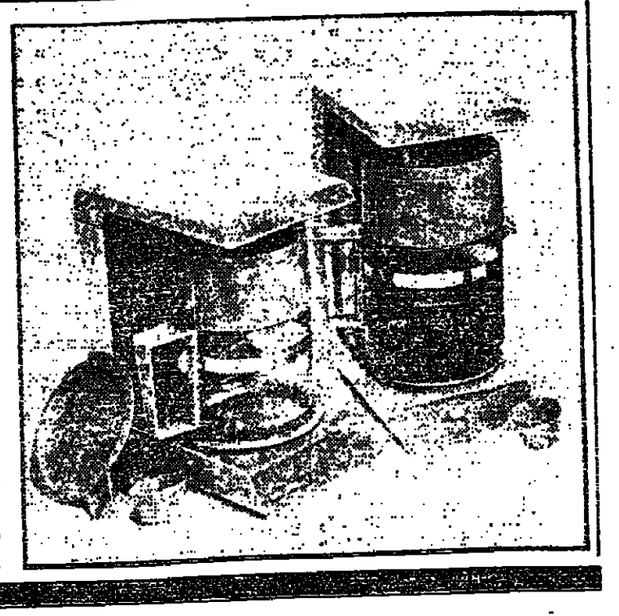

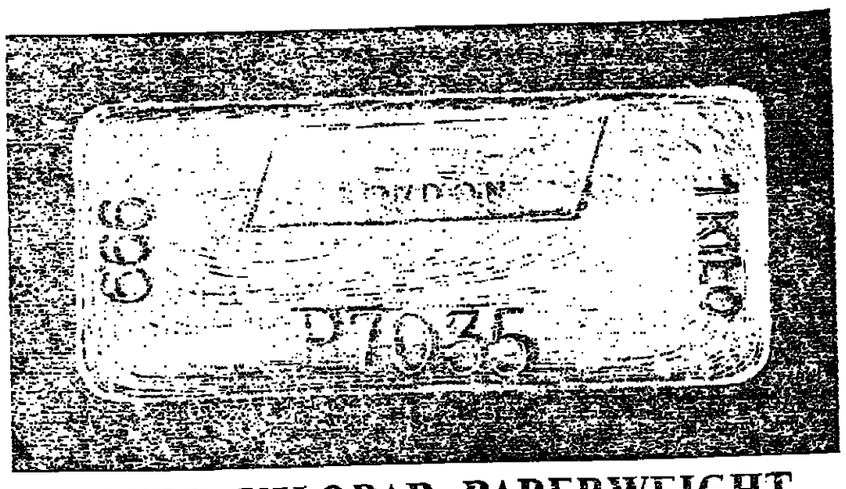

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Golf

Bannerman puts out Jacklin then loses to Fernandez

By Lewine Mair

After fulfilling the prediction he made on Wednesday night—that he would defeat Tony Jacklin—Harry Bannerman lost by three strokes to Vicente Fernandez, of Argentina, in the third round of the Piccadilly medal match-play golf tournament at Finham Park, Coventry, yesterday afternoon. "I couldn't", said Bannerman, whose long game had been under control all morning, "keep the ball in play off the tee".

On the subject of his five-stroke victory over Jacklin, Bannerman explained that he had felt inspired: "I always feel this way when I am playing someone better than myself." Right from the start Jacklin had been in trouble on the greens, the reason, in Bannerman's opinion, being that Jacklin's hands were not working together. After taking a five to Bannerman's four at the first, Jacklin lost the honour and never to get it back.

Three shots behind and with three to play, Jacklin swung uncharacteristically fast at his second down the 519-yard 16th. His ball finished in a tiny pocket amid the roots of a large tree—something which must have convinced him, finally, that this, simply, was not his day. The short 17th was halved in three, Bannerman getting it "up and down" from a tangle of wet rough down a bank at the back of the green. Bunkered, too, by the side of the 18th green, Jacklin took four more to get down, his first attempt to escape from the trap being disturbed by the click of a camera nearby.

The shot which, in retrospect, Bannerman felt had won him this memorable victory was the second he struck with a three-wood from the bank of a bunker on the 13th, the ball pulling up just short of the green. "Out of this world" was the phrase this cheerful character used to describe the blow.

Bannerman's caddie yesterday was a diminutive 13-year-old schoolboy with a 24 handicap who had received permission from his mother, rather than his headmaster, to caddie for his hero. He foresaw no trouble whatever in shouldering the clubs for the second round and if, after the Jacklin match, Bannerman had asked him to walk on water, he would, no doubt, have attempted that as well.

One of the more unexpected finishes of the day was that involving David Chillas and Peter Dawson. Chillas, who later confessed that he had more or less given up after going three behind on the 17th, pulled his drive down the 375 yard 18th. He knocked his second over trees in the general direction of the green and, though unable to see for himself, soon realized, from the applause, that he had holed out for an eagle two.

Under the unexpected pressure, Dawson missed from 18in for his four and the match, and the two men proceeded down the 19th. Both struck fine drives at this 483 yard par five hole and each caught the green in two, whereupon Dawson, putting second, holed for his winning eagle from 12ft.

John McTear, the lightly built Scot who played so well at Bournemouth last week, survived "a hard day's work". Against David Wren, in the afternoon, he fell two shots behind on the first hole, at which point he gave himself "a good shake" and thought only of playing the course. Level after 12 holes, McTear, who, on the advice of Maurice Bembridge, had been getting his arms a little farther away from his body at the address, made birdies on the 12th and 15th to draw two shots ahead.

Harry Bannerman . . . memorable victory, then defeat.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	483	5	10	494	5
2	407	4	11	367	4
3	328	4	12	353	4
4	367	4	13	503	5
5	172	3	14	396	4
6	537	5	15	201	3
7	153	3	16	519	5
8	366	4	17	174	3
9	330	4	18	375	4
Out	3,143	36	In	3,382	37

Second round

R. A. Shearer (Australia), 71, beat V. E. R. Baker (S Africa), 74.
D. Huish (North Berwick), 72, beat D. Dunk (Beaconsfield), 74.
P. J. Weaver (Coventry), 72, beat R. G Meek (Redleston Park), 79.
P. R. Herbert (Nuneaton), 71, beat A. Brooks (Lanark), 74.
P. Croker (Australia), 75, beat L. Platts (Panmal), 78.
D. I. Vaughan (Royal Liverpool), 69, beat J. E. Stanley (Australia), 72.
T. P. Halpin (Naas), 74, beat G. Balcson (S Africa), 77.
P. A. Oosterhuis (Pacific Harbour), 68, beat F. H. Wilcock (Frewosc), 75.
R. Carr (Sutton), 73, beat J. D. Morgan (Stoneham), 75, at the 19th.
D. Butler (Leatherhead), 75, beat M. B. Ingham (Cleckheaton), 74.
D. J. Llewellyn (Olton), 70, beat P. Butler (Golf Domes), 71.
C. A. Clark (Sunningdale), 73, beat S. C. Mason (Goring and Streatley), 75.
S. Owen (New Zealand), 71, beat R. Wynn (Leatherhead), 78.
B. Gallacher (Wentworth), 71, beat E. Darcy (Erewash Valley), 71, at the 19th.
B. G. C. Huggett (Cambridgeshire Hotel), 73, beat S. J. Levermore (Hadley Wood), 75.
D. W. McClelland (Harrobourne), 74, beat S. Gim (Australia), 74, at the 21st.
P. M. P. Townsend (Portmarnock), 67, beat K. F. Dobson (St Pierre), 72.
G. A. Caygill (Pleasington), 71, beat K. F. Robson (Harpenden), 75.
B. Thompson (Belton Park), 74, beat C. O'Connor (Royal Dublin), 75.
P. Toussaint (Belfaint), 68, beat B. J. Hunt (Harrobourne), 72.
H. Bannerman (Murcar), 70, beat A. Jacklin (Potters Bar), 75.
V. Fernandez (Argentina), 74, beat P. E. Gill (Gatton Manor), 75.
A. O'Connor (Hazel Grove), 69, beat R. D. Shade (Duddingston), 75.
H. Baiocchi (Ely City), 68, beat W. Humphreys (Royal Mid-Surrey), 74.
D. Chillas (Turnberry Hotel), 75, beat J. L. Fowler (Mid Herts), 77.
P. Dawson (Filey), 71, beat K. Bousfield (Coombe Hill), 78.
D. P. Scanlan (Lons Ashton), 72, beat B. W. Barnes (Copthorne Hotel), 74.
L. P. Tuoline (Phoenix), 74, beat H. F. Boyle (Effingham), 76.
D. C. Wren (S Africa), 74, beat P. McGuinness (Val de Lobo), 75.
J. McTear (Cathkin Braes), 76, beat J. L. Hammond (Beckhamwood), 77.
A. P. Thomson (Inverness), 75, beat C. Greene (Millown) 79.
M. Bembridge (Little Aston), 72, beat G. L. Hunt (unattached), 74.

Third round

Hunt 72, beat Shearer, 83.
Weaver, 72, beat Herbert, 73.
Croker beat Vaughan, retired.
Oosterhuis, 71, beat Halpin, 73
Caygill, 72, beat Townsend, 73.
Toussaint, 74, beat Thompson, 74, at the 19th.
Fernandez, 73, beat Bannerman, 76.
A. O'Connor, 75, beat Baiocchi, 77.
Dawson, 75, beat Chillas, 75, at the 19th.
Turling, 72, beat Scanlan, 76.
McTear, 71, beat Wren, 73.
Bembridge, 70, beat Thomson, 73.

Mrs Head could challenge for English title

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Mrs Elizabeth Head moved into the reckoning at Sunningdale yesterday, when victory over Mrs Dinah Henson brought her to the semi-finals round of the English women's golf championship. As Miss Collis, she is remembered a few years back as a powerful hitter whose short game was as yet uncoordinated.

A spell as a professional and marriage removed Mrs Head from the amateur scene, and only this year has she returned to county golf. In the interval a short visit to the United States changed her whole attitude and she has come back seemingly more mature and with a well knit game. That is on the evidence of only one match, but if her nerve holds and she plays as well as yesterday she could well win the championship.

Well knit is not quite the word for Mrs Henson, formerly Miss Oxley. Following her was like trying the lucky dip, never quite knowing what was coming out next, though as we neared the bottom of the barrel the chances were that it would be a hook. She made a poor start and at the fifth Mrs Head played a shot which, early as it was in the round, was a match winner.

From the second bunker on the right of the fifth fairway, she hit a six iron on to the green and holed a giant putt to win a hole she looked likely to lose. She went further ahead when her opponent hit a perfect shot with the wrong club which finished over the back of the eighth. Mrs Henson has done as well as she could reasonably expect in coming so suddenly back to the game, but, against anyone prepared to stand up to her, her present lack of confidence was bound to tell.

Mrs Head meets Miss Irvin, whose competitive spirit got her through, although she was hardly at her best. After losing the first to Miss Porter, she won the next five and then Miss Porter, after bravely turning the seventh into a half, won the next four in 3, 3, 5, 3. Miss Irvin reasserted herself by winning the long 14th and outhitting her opponent with two shots to the 17th, but it was not an entirely convincing display against one whose chief weapon now is her resolution.

The other semi-final will oppose Jill Thornhill to Carol Le Feuvre. Mrs Thornhill had a hard day but came out of it well. It was only at the 16th and 17th that she turned the tables on Mrs Barber, who had been up most of the way.

In the fifth round, after winning the first two holes in four and nearly holing her tee shot to the fourth, she was brought back to all square by Mrs Stant. Mrs Thornhill finished strongly, winning three holes in a row from the 14th, the two long ones in birdies. Children, garden, and sink have stood between her and total dedication to the game, but, with so much going on in and around Surrey, of which she is champion, she has this year her best chance of a comeback and has already made an excellent start at county level.

Mrs Stant was involved in a distraction during her morning match against Miss Cohen. One up playing the 13th, she was conceded the hole by her opponent in the mistaken belief that she had incorrectly marked the ball. In fact, only in the professional game is anything laid down about the manner in which the ball shall be marked.

Miss Le Feuvre is in danger of being underwritten. She was in sparking form again in the morning and won by four and three in the afternoon, the furthest she has yet been taken this week.

Fourth round

Miss A. IRVIN (Royal Lytham & St Annes) beat Mrs A. Uzielli (Berks), 3 and 2.
Miss R. Porter (Long Ashton) beat Miss C. Mackintosh (Royal Winchester), 2 holes.
Mrs E. Head (Leatherhead) beat Miss J. LEE-SMITH (Gosforth), 2 and 1.
Mrs D. Henson (West Byfleet) beat Mrs P. Carrick (Hunstanton), 1 hole.
Mrs J. Thornhill (Walton Heath) beat Mrs S. Barber (Thorpe Hall), 2 holes.
Mrs A. STANT (Bean Doors) beat Miss J. Cohen (Muswell Hill), 2 and 1.
Mrs B. Barsh (Hanworth) beat Mrs L. Davies (Huntercombe), 4 & 3.
Miss C. LE FEUVRE (Royal Jersey) beat Mrs S. Graveley (Mere), 4 and 3.

Fifth round

Mrs IRVIN beat Miss Porter, 2 and 1.
Mrs Head beat Mrs Henson, 4 and 2.
Mrs Thornhill beat Mrs STANT, 3 and 2.
Miss LE FEUVRE beat Mrs Barsh, 6 and 5.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	463	5	10	444	5
2	450	5	11	280	4
3	275	4	12	410	5
4	133	3	13	182	3
5	371	4	14	469	5
6	372	4	15	210	3
7	375	4	16	420	5
8	155	3	17	385	4
9	243	4	18	393	5
Out	2,842	36	In	3,173	39

Scottish girls' champion beats international

Maureen Walker, the current Scottish girls' champion and leader of the qualifiers, reached the third round of the Scottish women's golf championship yesterday, at Nairn, with a win against Ina Walker.

In the first round Miss Maureen Walker, one down after three holes, recovered from her bad start and won four holes out of five after the seventh for a four and three triumph over June Crawford.

Ina Walker, who played for Britain last season, turned five up on Anne Burden in the first round and although she lost the next two holes she won the 13th and 14th, the second with a birdie, for a five and four victory.

Suzanne Cadden also was a comfortable winner in the first round and lost only one hole in beating Nancy Duncan by five and four.

Sandra Needham, a British international and Curtis cup prospect, had the most comfortable win in the first round and was level par for the 10 holes she needed to beat Jean Alexander by nine and eight.

A new name will have to go on the trophy since the only former winners competing, Marigold Speir and Annette Laing, were both eliminated in the first match-play round.

FIRST ROUND: Miss M. Walker beat Miss J. Crawford, 4 and 3; Miss I. Walker beat Mrs A. Burden, 5 and 4; Miss V. McAllister beat Miss L. Bennett, 2 and 1; Dr A. Wilson beat Miss M. Speir, 3 and 2; Miss S. Cadden beat Miss N. Duncan, 5 and 4; Miss M. Sharp beat Mrs J. McIntosh, 1 hole; Miss C. Luxton beat Miss L. Wylie, at 19th; Miss M. Thomson beat Miss A. McIntosh, at 19th; Mrs J. Hay beat Mrs D. Bruce, 2 and 1; Miss G. Cadden beat Mrs J. Cumming, 2 and 1; Mrs S. Ross beat Mrs M. Ferguson, at 19th; Miss J. Bald beat Miss B. McCormack, 6 and 5; Miss K. Lackie beat Miss S. Landie, 1 hole; Miss J. McNeill beat Miss A. Laing, 3 and 2; Mrs W. Norris beat Miss M. Ritchie, 4 and 3; Miss S. Needham beat Miss J. Alexander, 9 and 8.

SECOND ROUND: Miss M. Walker beat Miss I. Walker, 1 hole; Dr Wilson beat Miss McAlister, at 19th; Mrs Sharp beat Miss S. Cadden, 2 and 1; Miss Luxton beat Miss Thomson, 3 and 2; Mrs Hay beat Miss G. Cadden, at 19th; Miss Bald beat Miss Ross, 3 and 2; Miss Lackie beat Miss McNeill, 5 and 4; Miss Needham beat Mrs Norris, 3 and 4.

Sewell heads entry

A record entry of 265 golfers headed by the defending champion, Doug Sewell (Ferndown) will compete in the £5,000 MacGregor Professional Golfers' Association club professionals' championship at Calcot Park, Reading, from May 30 to June 1.

Mrs Briggs goes into last eight at Ashburnham

Audrey Briggs, the holder, moved into the fourth round of the Welsh women's golf championship in wind and rain at Ashburnham yesterday, but Joan John, who reached the final last year, was eliminated. Mrs Briggs beat Ann Humphreys 5 and 4 and when the game finished was two over par. She will play Ann Johnson, who won the title in 1966, in the next round.

THIRD ROUND: Mrs L. Briggs beat Mrs A. Humphreys, 5 and 4; Mrs A. Johnson beat Mrs A. M. Edwards, 6 and 5; Mrs A. Treharne beat Mrs L. J. John, 3 and 2; Miss T. Perkins beat Miss L. Hughes, 4 and 3; Mrs H. Lyall beat Mrs M. Harward-Davis, 5 and 3; Miss P. Light beat Mrs C. E. Thomas, 4 and 3; Mrs E. Gwyn-Griffith beat Mr P. S. Gethin, 4 and 3; Miss A. C. Thomas beat Miss J. Roberts, 3 and 2.

FOURTH ROUND: Mrs Briggs beat Mrs Johnson, 1 hole; Miss Perkins beat Mrs Treharne, 3 and 2; Mrs Lyall beat Miss Light, at 19th; Miss Thomas beat Mrs Gwyn-Griffith, 5 and 4.

Easy win for Miss McKenna

Mary McKenna, a Curtis Cup player and twice winner of the title, had an easy first round win in the Irish women's golf championship at Lahinch, co Clare, yesterday. She beat Mrs Lynch (Mallow) by 8 and 7. Another former winner, Elaine Bradshaw (Clontarf), also got through to the second round.

FIRST ROUND: Miss M. McKenna beat Mrs J. B. Lynch, 8 and 7; Mrs A. J. Elmes beat Mrs C. Kingella, 3 and 2; Miss M. Gorry beat Mrs J. Barrett, 4 and 3; Mrs P. A. Rooney beat Miss C. Butler, 3 and 2; Miss L. Malone beat Miss E. Scott, 8 and 7; Miss E. Bradshaw beat Mrs J. McHugh, 6 and 5; Mrs D. V. Hickey beat Miss M. Redmond, 3 and 2; Mrs B. Hyland beat Mrs S. Gannon, at the 19th; Miss N. Ferris beat Miss J. Beckett, 5 and 4; Miss B. L. O'Donnell beat Miss R. Bogarts, 3 and 2; Miss E. Purcell beat Miss P. Martin, 5 and 3; Miss V. Singleton beat Mrs T. Fitzgerald, 2 and 1; Miss C. Nesbitt beat Dr G. Cotsello, 3 and 2; Miss J. Mark beat Miss T. Morton, 2 and 1; Miss C. Hadden beat Miss M. McConnell, 2 and 1; Miss A. Healion beat Mrs M. Exmer, 6 and 4.

KATAYAMAZU: Fuji International tournament: 69 Takaaki Kono (Taiwan), Hsieh Min-Nan (Taiwan); 70 E. Ball (Australia), Lu Liang-Huan (Taiwan), Hsieh Yung-Yo (Taiwan), S. Yamauchi (Japan), T. Takeyama (Japan), T. Ueno (Japan), A. Yabe (Japan), S. Ichida (Japan); 71, G. Marsh (Australia), W. Dunk (Australia).

Motor racing

Ickx may drive museum piece in Monaco GP

From John Blundsden
Monte Carlo, May 23

Niki Lauda, who brought Ferrari their first motor racing grand prix victory for two years when he won in Spain last month, has set the pace here today in the first of three qualifying practice periods which will decide the starting grid for the Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday.

His was the first car out on the track this afternoon, and Lauda, lying second to Emerson Fittipaldi in the world championship, was soon lapping noticably faster than anyone else. His best time of 1min 28.4sec (82.95 mph) is 0.3sec outside Fittipaldi's official lap record for the 2.04 miles street circuit, and 0.9sec slower than Jackie Stewart's best practice time last year. But it was still a competitive time for a first practice here. However, the talented Austrian later blotted his copy-book by misjudging one of the tight corners behind the pits and damaging the right front corner of his car against a barrier. He will take over the Ferrari team's spare car tomorrow.

A stirring drive by Mike Hailwood gave him the second best time of 1min 28.6sec in his Yardley-McLaren, which, like the two sister cars running under the Texaco Marlboro banner, is sporting a pair of vertical marker blades on the tips of the front wings. The idea is to give the drivers a more precise aiming point on a circuit where an inch or two of miscalculation on a corner can mean a badly damaged car.

Colin Chapman, head of John Player Team Lotus, has brought his 1973 cars out of retirement for Ronnie Peterson and Jacky Ickx, neither of whom has scored a world championship point in his three races with the latest John Player Specials. Peterson was fifth quickest today with his former spare car, and Ickx persevered with the latest model, but also had one of the reliable and successful earlier cars as a back-up. This last car is literally a museum piece, being part of Colin Chapman's personal collection, but it is highly probable that it will be called upon to perform one more weekend's duty before being retired for good.

Only 25 of the 28 drivers here will find a place on Sunday's starting grid, and so far Ickx is one of the three slowest, the others being Guy Edwards in his Embassy Lola, and Jochen Maas, whose Surtees broke a drive shaft early in practice.

Jean-Pierre Beltoise put in several laps with the latest BRM P 201 right on the limit to set the third fastest time during the closing minutes of practice, but once again the most spectacular driving of all came from a young German, Hans Stuck, who seemed to have his March 741 sideways most of the time, with one or other of his back wheels just a whisker clear of the barriers. Not the quickest way around Monaco, perhaps, but for sheer entertainment value it was in a class of its own.

LEADING TIMES: 1, N Lauda (Ferrari 312 B), 1min 28.4sec (82.95 mph); 2, M Hailwood (Yardley-McLaren-Ford M23), 1:28.6; 3, J-P Beltoise (BRM P201), 1:28.9; 4, F Fittipaldi (EB Tyrrell-Ford 005), 1:29.4; 5, R. Peterson (John Player Special-Ford), 1:29.5; 6, C. Pace (Surtees Flita-Ford TS 16), 1:30.0; 7, J-P Jarrier (UOP Shadow-Ford DN 5), 1:30.3; 8, H. Stuck (March-Ford 741), 1:30.5; 9, C. Reutemann (Ferrari 312 B), 1:30.7; 10, C. Reutemann (Brabham-Ford BT 44), A. Merzario (Ico Marlboro-Ford), D Holme (Texaco Marlboro McLaren-Ford), 1:31.0.

Rugby Union

Coach pleased with the Lions' forward play

Cape Town, May 23.—A controlled game with a lot of constructive pack manoeuvres was the key to the British Lions' 33-6 victory over Boland yesterday, according to the touring party's coach, Sydney Millar. Mr Millar was pleased by the Lions' performance against Boland, which made up for the side's disappointingly narrow 23—16 win over South-West Africa last Saturday.

"This is a much better showing. They seem to be improving by the day. But there's still a lot of hard work ahead. There are still some small things which need sharpening up." he said.

Mr Millar thought the team beat Boland because "the forwards, especially, played a controlled game with a lot of constructive manoeuvres in their plan of attack." He also served notice that the Lions would be happy to take on any side that wanted to use spoiling tactics to the extent Boland did.

"If they want to spoil we can still play rugby," he said. "The fact is we beat Boland up forward where they tried to unsettle our pattern. We are not going to be worried by these tactics. We can adapt ourselves to any kind of play, whether they play nine or even 10 man rugby."

The Lions, undefeated after three matches of their 22-game Southern African tour, were heading for Port Elizabeth today, where they play Eastern Province on Saturday.

The first international against South Africa is not until June 8 and despite yesterday's result, Dr Dame Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, is optimistic about the outcome of the series.

"Boland lost the game only because of their poor handling and many mistakes," he said. "Put the Lions under pressure and see how they react—they don't like it. There is hope for the Springboks. The Lions are not unbeatable," he added.

British Lions: A. R. Irvine; W. C. C. Steele, R. T. E. Bergiers, G. W. Evans, C. Rees; P. Bennett, G. O. Edwards (captain); L. McLauchlan, K. W. Kennedy, M. A. Burton, G. L. Brown, R. M. Uttley, J. F. Slattery, T. M. Davies, S. A. McKinney.—Reuter.

Alastair Hignell, last year's captain of the England Under-19 schoolboys rugby side, is included in the Under-23 pool of players for a training weekend at Lilleshall from July 20 to 24. The practice is in preparation for the match against Tonga at Twickenham on October 5.

There will be a warm-up match against a North of England representative side on September 24.

The players chosen are:

BACKS: P. J. Butler (Gloucester), O. Richards (Wasps), R. Wain (Morley), M. Slemen (Liverpool and St Luke's College), G. Wood (Durham University), A. Wordsworth (Cambridge University), C. P. Kent (Oxford University), P. Warfield (Durham University), K. Smith (Rosslyn Park), J. Bennett (Bedford), J. P. Burton (Bath), S. J. Smith (Sale), A. Hignell (Bristol).

FORWARDS: R. Louker (Hartlepool Rovers), J. Crossdell (Loughborough Colleges), M. Cutter (Gosforth), A. G. Rashbal (Northampton), A. Whittle (Borough Road Colleges), N. Mallett (Rosslyn Park), R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford), J. Hudson (Nottingham), J. Burnett (Bedford), J. P. Burton (Bath), S. J. Smith (Sale), A. Hignell (Bristol).

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Racing

Kingshott may not be quick enough to cope with Overtown

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There will be two English challengers for the Prix du Cadran, the French version of our Ascot Gold Cup, at Longchamp on Sunday. They are Proverb, who won the Goodwood Cup last year, and Parnell, who was beaten a length by Rock Roi in the Cadran two years ago.

William Carson rode Proverb when he won the Paradise Stakes at Ascot on May Day, but he has been claimed by Bernard van Cutsem to ride Parnell, so the ride on Proverb has been given to Joe Mercer. Lester Piggott was asked to ride Proverb when it became clear that Carson would be unavailable, but Piggott has chosen Lassalle, who won both the Cadran and the Ascot Gold Cup last year, a comparatively rare feat. Lassalle's regular partner, Jimmy Lindley, is nursing an injured foot, hurt in a recent fall while race-riding in Germany.

Récupéré, in his present form, is surely the one that all have to beat on Sunday. Bred in Yorkshire on the Burton Agnes Stud but trained now in France, Récupéré has come into his own this spring, winning both the Prix Jean Prat and the Prix de Barbeville.

Mille Fleurs, Mill Reef's young half-sister, is also due to run at Longchamp on Sunday. She recently won her first race at Chester. Her target this time will be the Prix St Alary, for which many of the best French three-year-old fillies are due to clash.

Northern Princess, a lovely big filly by Sir Ivor, probably ensured her place in the field for the Oaks when she won the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood yesterday by beating Hors Serie and Red Berry. Northern Princess looks as though she will improve with her racing but perhaps she is more the type to excel in such races as the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Irish Oaks at the Curragh rather than at Epsom.

Northern Princess is a member of a female family which has long served the royal stud well but she belongs now to a leading Japanese owner and breeder, Mr S. Yoshida. He paid 26,000 guineas for her when she was a yearling.

After John Dunlop had watched his filly, Busabina, win the Seabeach Stakes and thus continue his excellent run, he told me that Pitcairn could be regarded as a definite contender for the Derby. Pitcairn was only narrowly beaten by Furry Glen in the Irish 2,000 Guineas last Saturday. Pitcairn has, Dunlop added, come out of that hard race surprisingly well.

Like English Prince, a good winner at Goodwood on Wednesday, Pitcairn is by a miler, Petingo, but out of a mare whose family is enriched with stamina. Dunlop was encouraged to see English Prince win over a mile and a half but it is Pitcairn's free style of racing rather than his pedigree that raises the doubt about his ability to stay the distance of the Derby.

Overtown, one of Douglas Smith's principal hopes for Royal Ascot, is to have his first race away from Newmarket at Kempton Park today in the Redfern Plate. This is seen by Smith as an important part of Overtown's education because he has run so far only at Newmarket where he is also trained. When he won at the Craven meeting and again at the Guineas meeting, Overtown made it clear that he had inherited plenty of speed from his sire, Raffingora, not to mention some of his looks.

Overtown's race today promises to be informative because he must cross swords with Kingshott, who won four races in succession in April. Kingshott started at 4-1 on to win a fifth, at Windsor on May 7, but was beaten two lengths by Our Charlie, to whom he conceded 5lb. On Monday, Our Charlie made it plain that that result was no fluke when he won his next race comfortably by three lengths. Kingshott is fast but may not be quick enough to cope with Overtown. Cop, a newcomer by Burglar, is one to watch for the future.

The Ultramar Handicap looks a suitable opportunity for Royal Match, carrying only 7 st 6 lb. His three races this season have all been over a mile. Our Newmarket Correspondent told me yesterday that he was convinced that seven furlongs would be Royal Match's ideal distance and the way that he has run in all his races this season tends to support that view. It is now up to Royal Match to prove a point.

Step Ahead has a stiff task, even remembering that he carried 9 st 12 lb when he won at Leicester. Maresnes Blue ran well in the Classic Trial here in April but he has been beaten in the meantime at Ascot.

Cley, an acceptor for the Oaks, did not do as well as had been expected when she ran in her first race at Lingfield Park. She travelled badly from her stable to the course and afterwards her owner, breeder and trainer, Arthur Budgett, announced that she would be given another chance before any decision concerning Epsom was made. Budgett has chosen the Windsor Park Plate. Cley is a half-sister to his two Derby Winners, Blakeney and Morston.

Invitation, who also runs in her race this afternoon, is Rheingold's younger sister and she is also still engaged in the Oaks. Her first race this season was not particularly encouraging but she looked backward.

STATE OF GOING (official): Kempton Park: good. Haydock Park: good to firm. Tomorrow: Ayr: good. Doncaster: good. Carlisle: good to firm. Towcester: hard. Newbury: firm. Southwell: good.

Sunotra has big advantage at the weights

By Jim Snow
Northern Racing Correspondent

Not for a long time has there been a story of instant success in British flat racing as that of Michael Gorcham. Only one who has raced regularly throughout the year all over the globe could have been aware of his identity when his name was on the list of jockeys at the opening meeting of the flat at Doncaster in March this year. He would have been recognized as the young man who rode more than 500 winners in South Australia, and a jockey who was following the same post-war pattern of Edgar Britt, Scobie Breasley, Bill Williamson, George Moore, and Ron Hutchinson.

Gorcham has so far ridden 10 winners, mostly for the stable by which he is retained, that of Denys Smith in Durham, and he is now picking up outside rides. Trainers have watched him and have been quick to note his quiet, firm authority in the saddle, not unlike that of Williamson, Henry Cecil has engaged him to ride James Young in the John Davies Handicap and Lady Icarus in the Club Handicap at Haydock Park today. Gorcham has also the advantage of going to scale at a little under 8 st.

James Young has been unplaced in his two races this year, following a successful 1973 season. His two failures have been in strongly contested handicaps, the City and Suburban at Epsom and the Turn of the Lands at Newmarket. Now he faces only five rivals who are a little below the class he met at Epsom and Newmarket, and he is on the reasonable handicap mark of 8 st 9 lb.

I doubt if Lord Nelson can give James Young weight, but the Middleham-trained six-year-old, Sunotra, must loom large on his horizon. With 7st 11lb and 5lb off for an experienced stable apprentice, Oliver Gray, Sunotra receives 17lb from James Young. In three races this season Sunotra has won twice and finished second. Close betting on both can be expected, but my choice goes marginally to Sunotra at the weights.

Lady Icarus might, with 8st, be the pick of the handicap for the seven-furlong Club Plate. By Bold Lad, she cost 16,000 guineas as a yearling and raced only once as a two-year-old last season; but on May 2 she was distinctly impressive at Newmarket when, in Lester Piggott's hands, she won a valuable mile race for maiden three-year-olds.

Apprentices ride four winners at Warwick

Sweet Boronia became C Brittain's third winner since Sa day when winning the Sum Handicap at Warwick yester Brittain's other successes Pontam in the Thirsk Hunt and a St Leger prospect, Breeze, in Nottingham's Ca and Counties Cup.

The Newmarket trainer s "My horses were so well I tho I would have had about 15 win by now, but I have been pla by seconds and the score stan seven." David Maitland kept S Boronia going to win by a from the top weight, Tamilian, the favourite, Water Board, the field.

William Carson, who parti Water Board, was on the ma the Budbrooke Maiden bringing the 5-1 chance, Pe wide on the stand rails, wher going was better, to win by tw a half lengths. This was a winner for Peter Scarisbrick, has Palko in partnership with Humphries.

Four apprentices rode wi Among them Kevin Lewis's ling of Jennysen in the Wh Handicap Stakes was an out ing piece of riding. With C on Prince Mandarin, challengi one side, and Durr, riding Martin, breathing down his on the other, Lewis pushed th on with hands and heels to w a length. He was repeatin success on the horse at Thir Saturday for his master, Hollinshead, and has now h winners, seven this season.

Piggott leads a the way for Longchamp w

Paris, May 23.—Lester P riding André Laguerre's La easily won the Prix de Chai two-year-old fillies run ove furlongs at Longchamp here

La Poesie, the favourit from start to finish to win length and a half from Sir P Sykes's Pope Joan, ridden by Legneux. Oudika was third.

PRIX DE CHATOU (2-y-o fillies: 50)
LA POESIE (Mr A. Laguerre) L. P
POPE JOAN (Sir R. Sykes) A. Le
OUDIKA (Mr H. Palacci) .. G. R
ALSO RAN: Azaba. 4 ran.
PARI MUTUEL: Win, 1.60; pla 1.10, 1.50, 3.70. Tiqi, 6f.

PRIX LA FORCE (3-year-olds: 1km)
UN KOPECK (Mr J. Mace) M. Phil
SOREI (Mr A. Plesch) .... B. S
CATAMARAN (Lord Grantchester) .. A.
PARI-MUTUEL: Win, 37.90; pla 1.90, 1.30, 3. P. Cunnington, jnr. 5h 9 ran.—Reuter.

Haydock Park programme

2.15 JUVENILE STAKES (2-y-o: £528: 5f)

3 (4) 04 Slight Hitch (Mr M. Taylor), K. Payne, 9-0 ..... F. Eddery
4 (1) 000 Chevin (Mr D. Burnsford), T. Robinson, 8-11 ..... E. Wright 7
6 (3) 34 Glenmalin (Mr M. Taylor), K. Payne, 9-0 ..... F. Eddery
8 (5) 0 Syrus (Mr J. Kneesbladell), G. Richards, 8-11 ..... D. Quinn 7
12 (2) 000 Cass Carol (Mr Bob Ward), R. C. Ward, 8-8 ..... G. Sexton

Evens Glenmalin, 5-2 Chevin, 11-2 Slight Hitch, 10-1 Cass Carol, 12-1 Syrus.

2.45 WILLOWS PLATE (3-y-o: £483: 1m)

3 (9) 0-32 Alamein (Mrs R. Sunley), J. W. Watts, 9-0 ..... G. Cadwaladr
5 (1) 40200- Bel Canto (Mr L. Sheffield), C. Bell, 9-0 ..... J. Skilton
7 (11) 004-42 Great Gulf (Mrs M. Clark), R. D. Peacock, 9-0 ..... L. Brown
8 (5) 23-00 Leaden Glory (Mr D. Hollinshead), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ..... E. Raymond
9 (10) 000- Milesian Prince (Mr R. Ellis), C. Brittain, 9-0 ..... M. Kettle
10 (3) 000030 Lady's Hose (B) (Mr S. Oxman), R. Hollinshead, 9-0 ..... T. Ives
11 (7) 00- Summerscene (Mr W. Rayston), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 ..... M. Birch
12 (6) 0-000 Tournament (B) (Mr L. Holliday), Denys Smith, 9-0 ..... M. Gorcham
15 (2) 00307- Crown Bird (Mr J. Hanson), W. Marshall, 8-11 .....
17 (8) 00000- Double Eagle (Mr D. Bell), W. Elsworth, 8-11 ..... F. Eddery
19 (6) 03-0 Mary Minor (Mr G. Williams), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .....

5-2 Alamein, 7-2 Great Gulf, 4-1 Mary Minor, 11-2 Tournament, London Glory, 10-1 Selby's Hope, 14-1 others.

3.15 JOHN DAVIES HANDICAP (£1,626: 1¼m)

1 (1) 0-020 Lord Nelson (D) (B) (Mr T. Rose), G. P-Hobbs, 5-8-10 .. F. Eddery
2 (3) 2224-00 James Young (Mr C. R. George), B. Croft, 4-8-9 ..... M. Gorcham
6 (4) 300-121 Sunotra (D) (B) (Mr M. Burke), F. Collingwood, 6-7-11 .... O. Gray 5
7 (2) 01-3002 Silver Bing (CD) (Mr R. Cobb), D. Weeden, 7-7-8 ..... P. Bates 5
9 (5) 010-000 Rae (CD) (Mr D. Green), R. Hollinshead, 5-7-7 ..... K. Lewis 7

15-8 Sunotra, 9-4 James Young, 4-1 Silver Bing, 5-1 Lord Nelson, 10-1 Rae.

3.45 CLUB HANDICAP (3-y-o: £828: 7f)

4 (6) 113-220 Kashmir Lass (Mr D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-0 ..... R. Raymond
11 (3) 0-21 Lady Icarus (Mr M. Joseph), H. Cecil, 8-0 ..... M. Gorcham
13 (1) 00-0413 Bugsia Time (Mr G. Jenkins), J. Pedersen, 7-12 ..... E. Apter
13 (3) 300-340 Meadowcroft (C) (Mr H. Jones), C. Crossley, 7-9 ..... G. Mullin 7
18 (2) 2020-00 Westport (Mr R. D. Peacock), R. D. Peacock, 7-2 ..... S. Salmon 7
19 (4) 0000-00 Pasko (Mr C. Barber-Lomax), A. Goodwill, 7-0 ..... D. Mackay

11-8 Lady Icarus, 6-4 Kashmir Lass, 8-1 Bugsia Time, 10-1 Meadowcroft, 12-1 Westport, 16-1 Pasko.

4.15 WIGAN HANDICAP (£865: 1¼m 131yds)

1 (5) 10-0034 Barrein (C) (Mr P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 4-9-3 ..... D. Quinn 7
4 (2) 210-121 Pee Mai (C) (Mr C. Sherbert-Lomax), A. Goodwill, 5-9-5 ..... F. Eddery
7 (1) 00-200- Gala Kite (Mr R. Barclay), D. Weeden, 4-8-11 ..... G. Cadwaladr
10 (7) 02-0213 French Warrior (Mrs M. Fleming), L. Shedden, 4-7-6 ..... E. Johnson
12 (3) 0-04040 March Maiden (Mr A. Bodger), D. Weeden, 5-7-5 ..... Evens 5
13 (4) 300-220 Triple (Mr J. Hindmarsh), R. Hollinshead, 4-7-7 ..... K. Leigh 7
14 (6) 0 Chinbodh (Mr J. Mulcay), W. Elsey, 4-7-7 ..... J. Lowe

2-1 Pee Mai, 7-2 French Warrior, 5-1 Barrein, 7-1 March Maiden, Triple, 10-1 Chinbodh, 12-1

SPORT

Cricket

Gilliat and Turner both make centuries

By Peter Marson

CHELMSFORD: Hampshire, with six first innings wickets in hand, lead Essex by 153 runs.

A changeable day yesterday, when sunshine and showers, light and heavy, vied for top billing, was none the less dominated by Hampshire's batsmen, and in particular Gilliat and Turner, both of whom scored centuries. Half an hour's play was lost to rain before luncheon and 25 minutes immediately afterwards, before a 10-minute hailstorm carpeted the ground at 3.25.

By four o'clock it had taken a thorough soaking and finally play was abandoned 40 minutes before the scheduled close. If Essex can be brought down cheaply again today, then Hampshire will win, but if the weather has a say the result will be a draw.

Hampshire had begun the day at 264 for two from 41 overs, enjoying a lead of 16, with Gilliat 22 runs short of his hundred and Turner on 37. At once Gilliat offered a catch to Fletcher at slip off the bowling of East. It was not the easiest of chances, the ball flying away from Fletcher's left hand, and the catch went down. Gilliat was then 81. With his score 3 Gilliat had another close shave when East failed to gather a fine throw from the boundary by Hobbs with the batsman straining to gain his crease.

When Gilliat's century arrived it could be said that he had made a hundred in successive championships matches against Essex, having made 110 against them at Portsmouth in August last year. Gilliat reached his target boldly and in style, gliding down the pitch and on-driving East to the boundary with a full swing of the bat. This was the last of nine fours which, together with two sixes had brought half his runs in 128 minutes.

It had been a fine innings, controlled, watchful and hard hitting with a liberal supply of those attacking strokes that are much favoured by left handed batsmen. For some odd reason their pulls and drives seem to be, as Sam Weller might have said, "of hextra power". The same could be said of Turner, Gilliat's partner in this heavy-handed assault on Essex's bowlers.

No doubt Essex will be pleased to see the backs of Gilliat and Turner, for they had occupied the crease for a whole day and more at Basingstoke last season in a partnership for the third wicket of 205, Turner's share being 98. Now, for the same wicket, they put on 174 runs in 49 overs.

Essex separated them this time on the stroke of 12.30, when Smith held Gilliat's leg glance off Lever. Turner was then 59. After the afternoon's first sharp shower the pitch had gained a little life, and Boyce found a little bounce. But, Jesty looked in good shape and he and Turner, finding the gaps in the field, made their runs entertainingly.

In the 64th over with the score at 227 Turner pulled East to mid-wicket, where Lever's judgment erred and the catch went down. Jesty, too, escaped from a harder chance to Stuart Turner behind square leg, but as luncheon approached he was in full swing, straight driving East for six and sweeping Hobbs much as Denis Compton would have swept him, delicately, and fine. At luncheon Turner had made 78, Jesty 36, and the Hampshire score stood at 267 for three—a lead of 97.

Turner reached his century shortly after three o'clock. He had been batting through 84 overs since 4.10 on Wednesday. Hobbs's overthrow had made one run into two to crown a six and eight fours in his hundred. Jesty now had a good innings rudely interrupted two runs short of his 50. He and Turner had put on 95 runs in 28 overs.

ESSEX: First Innings, 170 (61.5 overs) (K. Smith 71; A. M. E. Roberts 5 for 55).

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

B. A. Richards, c East, b Turner	30
C. G. Greenidge, b Lever	0
D. R. Turner, not out	114
*R. M. C. Gilliat, c Smith, b Lever	106
T. E. Jesty, b Turner	46
R. V. Lewis, not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 1, nb 7)	20
Total (4 wkts, 91.1 overs)	321

P. J. Sainsbury, M. N. S. Taylor, *G. R. Stephenson, R. S. Herman, A. M. E. Roberts to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—35, 3—209, 4—304.

Bonus points: Essex 2, Hampshire 5.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and D. J. Constant.

Gilliat watches the ball on its way into Smith's gloves to end his innings of 106.

Football

Dry moats recommended at grounds

Spectators at English football matches will not be fenced in, Denis Howell, the minister responsible for sport, made this clear yesterday when he announced the first recommendations of the working party on crowd behaviour.

In spite of last season's uninterrupted matches between first Newcastle United and Nottingham Forest, and then Manchester United and Manchester City, Mr Howell said: "We rejected fences for various reasons. Our object now must be to move fans back a yard or so from the pitch to leave an area manned by police and ambulance people, etc.

"This would be formed by a wall, about chest high, surrounding the pitch. There would be a second wall a yard back, leaving an area which would, in effect, create a dry moat around the pitches. I prefer to call it a security walkway.

"Arsenal have already created this type of walkway at Highbury. As far as I know, it is the only one in the country and from my discussions with police at the ground this morning it seems to work very well. We feel this is the minimum action we can expect from clubs with regard to the position in football at the moment. We are anxious for clubs to start this undertaking as soon as possible."

The secretary of the Football Association, Ted Croker, sounded a note of warning. He said, "We know ultimately we may have to see fences erected at grounds, but we very much hope this is a last resort. Clubs should be moving in the direction of all-seat stadia, but I cannot see this for 10 to 20 years. The FA would like to see at least first and second division clubs starting to put these recommendations into practice before next season."

Mr Howell confirmed that clubs would be under no legal obligation to carry out the working party's recommendations which are:

1: Movement on terraces should be limited to give police fullest opportunity for crowd control.

2: Access to pitches should be made as difficult as possible.

3: To prevent encroachment, clubs should build a wall with a smooth surface not less than four feet high around the pitch.

4: Home and visiting supporters should be segregated.

The Football Association have circularized all 92 Football League clubs with the recommendations, and say: "We realize each club has its own problems, but we hope this letter will give guidance to the 'all reasonable precautions' which clubs are requested to take under FA Rule 38A to prevent pitch invasions."

Mr Croker said that the football clubs would find a pools levy, as recommended by the Chester Committee, an acceptable way to meet the costs of such works.

The clubs are being asked to discuss the recommendations with their local police authorities and let the working party know within one month how they intend to apply the principles to their own grounds. The wall asked for by the working party would not be necessary where seating extends to the level of the playing area.

On the question of dividing supporters, they say: "It is evident that at some grounds it is possible for spectators bent on mischief to transfer from one end of the ground to the other. Clubs are advised to prevent this practice."

England captain fails to encourage friendly spirit

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Once more, England and Argentina revealed the sharp contrast in style, method and technique between the British and the South American games when they drew 2—2 at Wembley on Wednesday night. Once more, too, they were seen to be uneasy bedfellows, as sparks flew for periods of the second half. Though, to be frank, it was Hughes, England's captain, who first touched off the latent ill-feeling in the dying moments before the interval.

In the past year or two it has been noticeable, on occasion, how Hughes has failed to control his petulance, a trait that has been foreign to his nature in the past. On this occasion it was Perfumo, the Argentine captain, who raised Hughes's hackles by protesting hotly that England's opening goal by Channon was offside.

Hughes, stupidly, squared up in a threatening attitude to the visitor and for his pains was knocked down by a sharp clip from Glaria as the teams left the field for half-time. Earlier, also, Hecher had committed the one vicious tackle of an otherwise correct and well-mannered first half.

Glaria, diplomatically, was substituted during the interval, but the damage was already done. As a result, there was a tendency to play the man rather than the ball for the remainder of the match, though the situation at no time sank to the squalid level of 1966. Indeed, many of the players swopped shirts happily enough in the end in a friendly spirit which we hope will be remembered when England visit Argentina next summer.

In the end, Argentina—helped as they were by a doubtful penalty kick given against Hughes—were lucky to pull back a two-goal deficit, but in doing so showed spirit and suggest that they may have much to say in the World Cup next month. They are part of a powerful group which contains Italy and Poland and their matches against these two could be temperamental affairs which will need careful handling.

Argentina possess some fine technicians with a silky touch in their clinkers, close passing on the ground. The experienced Perfumo at the back, Brindisi, in midfield—already earmarked for Milan at a cost of £500,000—the brilliant Ayala up front, with Kempes and Bulgheroni, were all master craftsmen who brought the best performance yet from England under Joe Mercer.

Where England had been rapid and shapeless against Scotland only last Saturday, they were now a progressive, positive and, at times, even exciting force. Let us hope they can maintain this form on their coming tour of East Germany, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

The changes made by Mr Mercer largely did the trick. Brooking was splendid in the centre of midfield. He is a player with wide vision, imagination and accuracy. Lindsay, too, did finely in his first international match, remembering that in Ayala he faced the most dangerous player on the field. Hughes (his temper apart) also operated better at full back than in midfield; Watson was strong at centre half. But for me England's man was Todd. He scarcely put a foot wrong all night.

It was a deep pity that Hughes was at fault in that unguarded moment. His impetuous action disturbed what for three-quarters of an hour was an absorbing technical duel. If he has not already learnt a lesson, he should be taught one.

Sir Alf not for Villa

Both Sir Alf Ramsey, the former England manager, and Gordon Jago have indicated that they are not interested in accepting the position of manager of Aston Villa.

Rain spoils the contest of the woods and jacks

By Alan Gibson

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire, with four first innings wickets in hand, are 102 runs behind the Indians.

There took place recently an important bowls match. It was on one of the crown greens of the north (by far the best form of bowls) and much money depended on the result. The last few critical woods seemed to be equidistant from the jack. Handkerchiefs, pieces of string, tape measures could not settle which was the nearest. Finally the contestants decided they must have an independent opinion, and called in a passer-by. The passer-by explained he knew nothing of bowls, but was assured that was of no importance: "Just tell us what tha' think, lad." He consulted the crucial cluster, and a light seemed to dawn. "Well, for a start", he said, "that little booger's got no chance", and kicked the jack away.

I tell you this story first, because I heard it from Jack Mercer, the old Glamorgan player, who now scores for Northamptonshire and whose gifts as a raconteur are not always sufficiently credited; secondly, because that was the only really entertaining thing that happened to me all day; and thirdly, because this match has so far been very much a contest between the woods and the jacks, the big ones and the little ones. On Wednesday it was tiny Viswanath who led the Indians to a good score; yesterday it was the burly Willey who put Northamptonshire in the game.

I have implied that the game was drying, and so it was for the most part, but that was the fault of the weather, not the players. There was a play until 12.20, another stop in mid-afternoon, and then a drenching storm at teatime. We were lucky, I suppose, it was no worse. A day great banks of cloud, dripping rain, slipped by on either side.

Northamptonshire started at 18 for one. Willey and Steele had taken the score to 77, in the 31st over, when Steele was caught at the wicket. This was the second wicket of Abid Ali, who made several balls lift, in spite of the low swing of his arm. Solkar had nothing to show for his labours, though I thought he bowled the better, the batsmen often playing and missing at the ball leaving them.

It was too wet for the spinners, but Mushtaq was caught off Prasanna, mistiming a drive, and then Willey gave a catch to midwicket off a long hop from Chandrasekhar. Chandrasekhar's long hops are not always quite what they seem, like Arthur Mailey's full tosses. That was 131 for four in the 51st over, and Willey had scored 87 of them.

He stands up straight and hits the ball hard; sometimes he can achieve a cut or glance with a delicacy which surprises you, but his best stroke is the cover drive off the back foot, which he hits with a real whack.

There was another hour's play in the evening, during which Northamptonshire lost two more wickets, but the cricket had no significance, with everyone slipping and sliding. We might still have an interesting finish, because both sides are anxious to win, and there is not much between them, but I am afraid that the weather, that casual passer-by, will kick the jack away.

INDIANS: First Innings, 296 for 8 dec (G. R. Viswanath 103 not out; Sarfraz Nawaz 4 for 47).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R. T. Virgin, c Engineer, b Ali	11
P. Willey, c Viswanath, b Chandrasekhar	87
D. S. Steele, c Engineer, b Ali	18
Mushtaq Mohammad, c Chandrasekhar, b Prasanna	0
G. Cook, c Bedi, b Chandrasekhar	16
*P. J. Watts, not out	40
C. Milburn, c Ali, b Chandrasekhar	1
Sarfraz Nawaz, not out	6
Extras (b 5, w 1)	6
Total (6 wkts)	194

†G. Sharp, A. Hodgson, T. C. J. Dye to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—77, 3—122, 4—131, 5—159, 6—170.

Umpires: C. S. Elliott and A. B. Fagg.

Lightning, hail and Procter all strike at Bristol

Lightning and a hail storm lashed the county ground at Bristol yesterday carpeting the entire ground in white. It was nature's answer, perhaps, to an equally electrifying batting performance by the South African, Procter.

In four hours, he hammered two sixes and 25 fours off the Middlesex bowling. He was on 157 when he stretched forward to Titmus, bowling with all his old guile, and was out leg before. Procter gave only one chance, at 128 when he might have been stumped.

Gloucestershire owed their lead of 138 to the sixth wicket partnership between Procter and Brown. They put on 105 in 70 minutes with Brown striking 55 of them, matching Procter's big hitting with a six and eight fours. Middlesex were eight without loss in their second innings when the storm brought a premature end to play.

All eight first-class games on the programme were curtailed by rain—a true sign that summer has really arrived. No play was possible at Sheffield between Yorkshire and Warwickshire while only seven balls were possible at Leicester in the game between Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

Surrey's batsmen, led by the beneficiary, Edwards, battled grimly between the showers to prevent the Worcestershire bowlers taking command of the match at the Oval. Just over two hours play was possible in three periods before a final storm ended play. In that time Surrey moved precariously from 48 for one to 140 for five in answer to Worcestershire's 262.

Surrey, who won their first two championship games inside two days might have been in serious trouble but for Edwards, who altogether stayed three hours and a quarter for 63. Often he played and missed as the ball lifted willingly for the quick bowlers, especially Holder, but he survived.

Roope helped in a second wicket stand of 47 before he was bowled playing no shot at Brain. Younis tried to hit D'Oliveira out of the ground and saw Holder judge the steepling catch to perfection. Gifford eventually prised out Edwards, having him caught at slip from an edged drive.

Rain limited play to two hours at Liverpool where Lancashire resumed against Glamorgan. In that time they improved their overnight total of 63 for one to 180 for five in 51 overs before a rainstorm during the tea interval caused the premature end.

The wet pitch had delayed the start until after luncheon. David Lloyd fell after reaching 52; Clive Lloyd, Hayes and Abrahams all fell cheaply to Solanky; and it was left to Pilling, unbeaten with 77, to hold up the progress of the Glamorgan bowlers.

Breakwell's entertaining 67 and a patient 72 by Burgess helped Somerset into a first innings lead of 114 over Sussex at Hove. The pair added 90 for the eighth wicket in 29 overs, 43 of the runs coming from the last six. The last four wickets finally added 154, as Somerset reached 327. For Sussex Greig had three wickets for only 30 during a lively morning's spell but his final figures faded to four for 117. Snow's two wickets cost him 92 runs.

Greenidge and Morley were taking no chances when Sussex batted again and crawled to 19 in the 65 minutes before the close of play, when the Sussex task of avoiding defeat looked daunting.

Second XI competition

DUDLEY: Lancashire II 225-6 dec and 135-2 dec (L. Lloyd 60); Worcestershire II 192-5 dec (R. J. Lanchbury 62 no, K. W. Wilkinson 56 not) and 205-4 (R. J. Lanchbury 50, K. W. Wilkinson 45 not). Worcestershire won by 6 wkts.

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire II, 181 (N. Nawaz 5-31) Derbyshire II, 144 for 6. No play yesterday, rain.

HAYWARDS HEATH: Sussex II, 151 for 8 dec (M. Donald 50; G. Howarth three for 41); Surrey II, [illegible]

Schools results

Dorset Rangers 158, *Hardye's 113-9; MCC 153-8 dec (R. Lane 60), *Monkton Combe 44-1; Shrewsbury Gentlemen 153-8 dec, *Shrewsbury 109-2 (W. A. Pollock 66, J. C. Prinler 65); Home Park 140, *Eton 142-3.

Berkshire Gentlemen 121; *Wellington College (Berkshire) 84—9. *Dauntsey's 84; Westcliffe [illegible], *Kent College 122; Sutton Valence 130—5. MCC 154-3 dec (C. Gardener 142); *Dover College 97, *Perse 119; MCC 122—4 (G. Bepson 50 not out). * Home side.

Today's cricket

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Indians (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Hampshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Glamorgan (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

HOVE: Sussex v Somerset (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

SHEFFIELD (at Abbeydale Park): Yorkshire v Warwickshire (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).

SECOND XI COMPETITION

HAYWARDS HEATH: Sussex II v Surrey II.

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire II v Derbyshire II.

UNDER-25 COMPETITION

RUGBY: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.

Gloucester v Middlesex

AT BRISTOL

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 188 (J. M. Brearley 50; A. S. Brown 5 for 59).

Second Innings

J. Smith, not out	2
G. Featherstone, not out	4
Extras (w 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	8

T. Ridley, *J. M. Brearley, L. A. Jones, N. P. D. Ross, *J. T. Murray, H. Edmonds, K. V. Jones, F. J. Titmus, D. Vivian to bat.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Mohammad, run out	3
A. Milburn, b Jones	0
D. V. Knight, c and b Jones	15
J. Procter, lbw, b Titmus	157
Zaheer Abbas, c Brearley, b Edmonds	22
R. Shepherd, c Ridley, b Edmonds	55
S. Brown, c sub (J. Jones), b Edmonds	1
A. Graveney, c Ridley, b Edmonds	14
*J. Bartlett, not out	20
B. Muntmore, b Edmonds	0
Davey, c Featherstone, b Titmus	12
Extras (b 5, nb 1)	6
Total (106.3 overs)	326

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—17, 2—31, 3—63, 4—113, 5—[illegible], 6—257, 7—289, 8—289, 9—313, 10—326.

BOWLING: Jones, 17—2—49—2; Vernon, 14—3—41—1; Titmus, 37.3—12—99—2; Edmonds, 30—6—101—4; Gomes, 5—2—9—0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Gloucestershire 5.

Umpires: A. Jepson and H. Yarnold.

Sussex v Somerset

AT HOVE

SUSSEX: First Innings, 213 (76 overs) (A. W. Mansell 72 not out; H. R. Moseley 4 for 47).

Second Innings

G. A. Greenidge, not out	11
J. D. Morley, not out	7
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	19

J. R. T. Barclay, P. J. Graves, *A. W. Greig, M. J. J. Faber, A. W. Mansell, J. A. Snow, A. Buss, C. B. Waller, J. Spencer to bat.

SOMERSET: First Innings

P. J. Robinson, lbw, b Greig	1
*D. B. Close, lbw, b Snow	24
P. W. Denning, b Spencer	74
V. A. Richards, c and b Greig	7
M. Fitts, c Faber, b Snow	72
G. L. Burgess, c Waller, b Spencer	8
†D. J. S. Taylor, c Waller, b Greig	29
I. T. Botham, c Buss, b Greig	67
D. Breakwell, b Spencer	67
H. R. Moseley, c Barclay, b Waller	9
A. S. Jones, not out	3
Extras (lb 5, nb 1, w 4)	10
Total (88.5 overs)	327

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—3, 2—45, 3—78, 4—99, 5—177, 6—177, 7—210, 8—300, 9—317, 10—327.

BOWLING: Snow, 26—5—93—2; Greig, 24—7—117—4; Buss, 7—1—11—0; Spencer, 12—3—50—2; Waller, 8.5—3—47—2.

Bonus points: Sussex 3, Somerset 5.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and W. L. Budd.

Leicester v Derbyshire

AT LEICESTER

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B. Dudleston, c Taylor, b Hendrick	2
J. F. Steele, c Hendrick, b Miller	13
J. C. Balderstone, c Taylor, b Hendrick	0
G. Pollitt, not out	63
M. F. Davison, c Burrington, b Bolus	3
*R. Illingworth, c Hendrick, b Bolus	1
†R. W. Tolchard, c and b Russell	13
J. G. Tolchard, not out	43
J. Birkenshaw, not out	3
Extras (b 1, nb 5, n-b 1)	7
Total (6 wkts, 91.1 overs)	247

N. M. McVicker, G. D. McKenzie, K. Higgs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—16, 2—32, 3—66, 4—88, 5—135, 6—174.

DERBYSHIRE: A. Hill, A. J. Borrington, M. H. Page, *J. B. Bolus, A. J. Harvey-Walker, †R. W. Taylor, G. Miller, F. W. Swarbrook, P. E. Russell, C. J. Tunnicliffe, M. Hendrick to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Leicestershire 2, Derbyshire [illegible]. Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and H. D. Bird.

Yorkshire v Warwick

AT SHEFFIELD

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 309 (7.2 overs) (A. J. Kallicharran 71, R. B. Kanhai 74, S. J. Rouse 55). YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 45 for 1 (11 overs). Bonus points (to date): Yorkshire 4, Warwickshire 4. No play yesterday.

Lancs v Glamorgan

AT LIVERPOOL

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 204 for 7 (100 overs) (A. Jones 107 not out; J. Simmons 5 for 65).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

B. Wood, c Harman	[illegible]
*D. Lloyd, c Solanky, b Thomas	[illegible]
G. Pilling, not out	[illegible]
C. Lloyd, c Llewellyn, b Solanky	14
F. C. Hayes, c Davis, b Solanky	7
J. Abrahams, c S. Jones, b Solanky	0
D. Hughes, not out	[illegible]
Extras (lb 1, w 1, n-b 9)	[illegible]
Total (5 wkts, 51 overs)	180

J. Simmons, †I. Lloyd, P. Lever, K. Shuttleworth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—55, 3—112, 4—134, 5—140.

Bonus points: Lancashire 1, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: C. G. Parner and H. Horton.

Surrey v Worcester

AT THE OVAL

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 262 (80.1 overs) (A. Ward 42, B. J. O. Bloomfield 35). SURREY: First Innings

M. J. Edwards, c Ormrod, b Gifford	63
G. H. Roope, c Hick, b Brain	32
G. R. J. Roope, b Holder	3
Younis Ahmed, c Holder, b D'Oliveira	15
D. R. Owen-Thomas, not out	14
S. J. Storey, c Turner, b Gifford	0
R. D. Jackman, not out	0
Extras (lb 5, n-b 2)	7
Total (5 wkts, 65 overs)	149

Intikhab Alam, †A. Long, P. J. Pocock, A. Butcher to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—36, 2—63, 3—113, 4—123, 5—129.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 5, Surrey 4.

Umpires: D. G. L. Evans and K. E. Palmer.

Yachting

Thomas stresses value of early preparation

By John Nicholls

David Thomas, sailing F. Ducker and F. Raisey-Woodroffe's Chartreuse, won both races for the One Ton class in a level racing regatta organized by the Royal Thames Yacht Club in the Solent yesterday. Last season, in the Quarter Ton class, Thomas showed the value of early preparation and the pattern looks like being repeated this year. While the boats of some of his potential rivals for the One Ton Cup series in July are not yet launched, Thomas is already winning races.

The morning race was sailed in a stiff westerly breeze and Chartreuse led from start to finish. She was pressed at first by David Edwards in Hylas, but as the race progressed she opened the way to win by nearly a minute. Peter Nicholson was third, sailing Brigante, which, like Chartreuse, is a one-off design constructed in aluminium. Chartreuse was designed by Thomas and Brigante by Camper and Nicholson.

The second race was marred by a fading, shifty breeze and heavy rain squalls which drove across the Olympic course every 20 minutes or so. Brigante was first at the windward mark, with a seemingly comfortable lead from Chartreuse and Hylas. The wind died away on the reach to the gybe mark and then headed the boats as they attempted the second reach to the leeward mark. Eventually they had to beat to the mark, and it was on this leg that Chartreuse slipped past Brigante. The race was shortened after the next leg, on a dead run, to the original windward mark.

The Half Ton class was the best supported, with 16 entries, and Brian Saffery-Cooper in Racketeer and Richard Ewart-Smith in Windy of Hamble each scored a first and second placing. Windy went extremely fast in the first round of the first race and led at the end of the round, with Racketeer pulling up from sixth to third. On the downwind leg Racketeer surged into the lead and held off Windy to win by five seconds.

The finish was close again in the afternoon, but this time it was Windy which won by a length, after the two boats had been together all round the course, with Racketeer leading at the first mark. Only four Quarter Ton boats were out and first places went to V. Carrington's Quart in the morning and Andrew Cassell in Tequila UK in the afternoon.

FIRST RACE: One Ton: 1 Chartreuse (D. Thomas); 2 Hylas (D. Edwards); 3 Brigante (P. Nicholson). Half Ton: 1 Racketeer (B. Saffery-Cooper); 2 Windy of Hamble (R. Ewart-Smith); 3 Brother Cup (E. Jaffe). Quarter Ton: 1 Quarter (V. Carrington); 2 Tequila UK (A. Cassell); 3 Pelican (J. Allen).

SECOND RACE: One Ton: 1 Chartreuse; 2 Brigante; 3 Hylas. Half Ton: 1 Racketeer; 2 Windy of Hamble; 3 Carricante. Quarter Ton: 1 Quarter; 2 Tequila UK; 3 Pelican.

HARWICH (RORC) (one from Holland): Class I and II: Standard, 24h 0min (Ker); Class III: Schutzmeer, 20h 18min (Ker); Class IV: Lady Killer, 20h 39min (Hare); Class V: Corvendel, 20h 6min (Ker).

Croquet

HURLINGHAM: Country championship: East Berkshire [illegible] Surrey East [illegible]; Berkshire [illegible] Middlesex [illegible]; Berkshire and Oxford [illegible] Middlesex [illegible]; Berkshire and Oxford [illegible] Middlesex [illegible]; Berkshire and Oxford

Ulster minister attacks Mr Paisley for 'making a mockery of the Christianity I learnt'

House of Commons

MR MERLYN REES, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Leeds, South, Lab), in a statement on matters arising from, or connected with, the Sunningdale agreement regarding the Council of Ireland, policing, detention and the report of the Law Enforcement Commission, said :—

The House will be aware that the Northern Ireland Executive issued last night a statement on the basis upon which it is prepared to proceed in relation to a *Council of Ireland. I have, on* behalf of HM Government, welcomed this statement which provides a realistic and sensible basis on which the North and South of Ireland can work together.

The proposals now put forward carefully protect the interests of both communities and are consistent with the overriding requirement in the Constitution Act that there can be no change in the status of Northern Ireland without the consent of the majority of the people in Northern Ireland.

It is good sense that there should be institutions in Ireland as a whole so that the people there work together in cooperation with *one another, in the interest of all.*

Police authority

The Sunningdale agreement also provided for a limited, and carefully defined, role for a Council of Ministers in relation to policing. In particular, HM Government undertook that appointments to *the Northern Ireland police* authority would be made after consultation with the Northern Ireland Executive, which would consult with the Council of Ministers. I propose to lay before the House immediately after the recess an order reconstituting the police authority.

In addition, steps have been *taken to set up an all-party committee* from the Assembly to examine how best to introduce effective policing throughout Northern Ireland with particular reference to the need to achieve public identification with the police. That committee will meet shortly.

At Sunningdale, HM Government *gave a firm commitment* to bring detention to an end in Northern Ireland for all sections *of the community* as soon as the security situation permits. That remains HM Government's policy and, alongside this, urgent thought is being given to the best way in which persons released from detention can be helped to re-establish themselves in their local communities.

The problem of fugitive offenders was left unresolved at Sunningdale and, following the conference, HM Government and the Irish Government jointly set up a commission to advise them on the most effective means, from a legal point of view, of bringing to justice fugitive political offenders in Ireland. The commission completed their work *and presented* their report to both Governments on April 25. I have *today laid the report before the* House.

Crimes of violence

HM Government and the Irish Government reaffirm the view expressed by all parties at Sunningdale that persons committing crimes of violence, however motivated, in any part of Ireland should be brought to trial irrespective of the part of Ireland in *which they* are located. Agreement has been reached by both Governments on the action to be taken on the commission's report and a statement in similar terms is being made to the Dail by the Irish Minister for Justice.

The commission considered, but rejected, the establishment of mixed courts comprising judges from Northern Ireland and the Republic and also, as not offering a practicable immediate solution, *the setting up of an all-Ireland* court.

The commission agreed that it *would be legally feasible to confer* power on the courts in both parts of Ireland so that the courts in each part would be able to try certain specified crimes wherever in Ireland they were committed. All the members recommended this as a method which could be introduced quickly.

The United Kingdom members made it clear that they would have preferred the extradition solution, but the members from the Republic could not advise that an agreement or legislation purporting to extradite fugitive political offenders would be valid under the Irish constitution.

HM Government and the Irish Government have accepted the agreed recommendation contained in the report and, whilst retaining existing extradition arrangements, will introduce reciprocal legislation so that the courts in each part of Ireland will have jurisdiction to try under their own domestic law certain offences wherever committed in Ireland.

It is a matter of regret to HM Government that the commission disagreed about the legality of amending the Irish extradition law, but it is clear from the report that all the members of the commission are confident that the extension of jurisdiction is not open to any valid objection in law.

The effect of this proposed legislation will be that in future those suspected of having committed *certain specified terrorist* offences in Northern Ireland but who have escaped to the Republic can be tried in the Republic, *and* those similarly suspected of such crimes in the Republic who have escaped to the North can be tried in Northern Ireland.

Deterrent

The existence of the legislation should in itself deter those who commit such crimes in one part of Ireland from seeking refuge in the other part.

It will remain open to both Governments to continue to seek extradition whenever they consider it appropriate as a means of *dealing with fugitive offenders* and, where extradition is sought but not achieved and sufficient evidence is available, prosecution will be undertaken by the authorities of the part of Ireland in which the alleged offender is.

The two Governments have agreed that there will be the closest cooperation between the police forces in the investigation of offences.

The Attorney General and the Irish Attorney General have agreed that there will need to be the closest cooperation between the two Attorney Generals and their staff in conducting prosecutions based primarily or wholly on evidence obtained in the other *jurisdiction* and that this presents no difficulties which cannot and will not be overcome.

The two Governments have also agreed to accept the proposals in the report that special security arrangements should be made to encourage witnesses to travel into the other's jurisdiction to give evidence ; and to include in their respective legislation provisions to enable, in cases where witnesses are *unwilling* to travel, evidence to be taken on commission in the presence of the court, and of the *accused if he wishes*, in the way in which the commission recommended.

I am confident that the agreement I have announced will be an important contribution towards *bringing to trial those responsible* for terrorism in Ireland. Equally important, however, is the prevention of acts of terrorism and the apprehension of those who are responsible.

Both Governments believe *that* there is scope for improving border security to deter terrorists from exploiting the border and to increase the prospects of catching those who do; and I shall very shortly be meeting Mr Cooney, the *Irish Minister for Justice*, to discuss what can be done to improve further the existing cooperation *between the security forces on* both sides of the border.

The tragic strike, which affects *the life and welfare* of every ordinary man and woman in Northern Ireland, must be in the forefront of all our minds. But this must not deter us from proceeding with measures which offer the best hope for the future of Northern Ireland and to which I have referred in the statement.

Realities and truth

MR PYM (Cambridgeshire, C), questioning Mr Rees on his statement, said : Now that the parties in the executive have agreed about the handling of the Council of Ireland, the Secretary of State, his colleagues and every member of the executive and the Assembly have a tremendous job in communicating the realities and truth about the Council of Ireland to the people of Northern Ireland.

There are cast-iron safeguards built into the Council of Ireland. There always were ; we know doubts were cast on this by some people. It seems the aspects to which the people of Northern Ireland took objection have been postponed until after the Assembly elections.

It is crucially important for him and the executive to mount a major campaign to ensure there is no further misunderstanding about what was intended, what is implied, and what is going to happen.

On the Law Commission, is he satisfied that the process he has agreed to is quicker in dealing with fugitive offenders ? What about the security of witnesses, which I suspect will be a problem when crossing the border comes into it ?

It is a disappointment that members from the Republic should have advised that it is possible that a change in the extradition law might not be valid under the Irish constitution ? Will he press the Republic of Ireland to have a further look at this ?

There is a tremendous job of *communication between the Government* here, and the Government in Northern Ireland, with all the people in Northern Ireland. There must be channels of communication so that everybody can understand what is being done and what is happening and can feel reassured so that the present critical situation can come to an end *at the earliest possible moment.*

Difficult task

MR REES—The Council of Ireland is a matter for the executive and the Government in the South. There is a job of public relations to do. It is an extremely difficult job to do at the moment in Northern Ireland, but it is one that has to be done.

On law enforcement, there is no question of the Government of the South looking again at this. I went to the South to discuss extradition and they made clear that it is the nature of their constitution and that if they had had legislation and anybody had taken a case to the courts they would have been almost certain that the case would have been turned down.

I shall take steps on the strike. It is a matter for regret that *certain MPs* are attempting to set up a provisional Government in Northern Ireland—(cries of " Oh ")—by issuing their own ration books—and so on, and then come here and draw pay as being democrats ; it makes me a little sick.

MR CLEDWYN HUGHES (*Anglesey, Lab*)—*There* is profound increasing distress in this country at the developing catastrophe in Northern Ireland. There is a growing belief, rightly or wrongly, that the population there is committed to one extreme or the other and is not in favour of the moderate solutions which are being put forward by the Government.

The strike by those who call themselves " loyalists " is bitterly resented by the overwhelming majority of the people in this country. If there was a total, *physical and economic withdrawal* from the Province, the consequences for all Ireland would be disastrous.

MR REES—The last statement sums up the situation. If that were to be done, with even what *one* sees now and knowing the number of guns there are in the North, it would have serious consequences. I expressed my view about the word " loyalist " yesterday.

As for moderation, the elections a year ago showed that there is a majority of moderates in Northern Ireland. My job is to deal with the security position so that they will be able to stand up and speak without being afraid of being dealt *with by bully boys or intimidation.* It is difficult to be a moderate in Northern Ireland at the moment. My job is to help these people.

The REV IAN PAISLEY (North Antrim, UUUC)—Would he name the members of this House who have set up a provisional Government and who have issued ration books, and if he cannot name those members, would he withdraw that accusation ?

I can assure him no member at any time made any such suggestion, nor are there ration books issued in the name of any member in Northern Ireland. It is better for him to have the facts before he uses the dispatch box in the way he used it.

Why is it that the head of the Department of Health and Social Services said he would not make any attempt to try and get essential services through the strikers—*that is Mr Devlin*—and yet his chief medical officer made it clear that hospitals were being supplied *and no patient has been denied* surgery and no patient has died as a result of the strike ?

Is it not true that when the workers met the Minister of State, they promised and said they were *prepared to go into the power* stations and put 60 per cent on the grid without payment provided *that that power was used for* essential services, and their supplies were denied ?

Permit cards

MR REES—He takes me to task for what I said. He deals with people who seek to bring down the Government of Northern Ireland. He deals in organizations with people who are seeking to bring down the Government of *Northern Ireland passed by both* sides of this House. He knows there are permit cards being issued in Northern Ireland by those with whom he associates.

He cannot have double standards and be a democrat here and a demagogue in Northern Ireland, attempt to stand up as a loyalist, to use the words of the Queen and all this sort of thing. We find it distasteful. (Cheers.)

He and his friends are attempting to *bring* down the elected Government which the Constitution Act set up, and then he says to me " Will I negotiate with his friends, will I negotiate about the supply of electricity and will give in to them on the Sunningdale agreement ? "

My responsibility is to the House and not to the sort of people he is associating with, backed by para-military groups who have arms. That is the sort of man Mr Paisley is, making a mockery of the Christianity I learnt.

SIR GEOFFREY de FREITAS (Kettering, Lab)—Can he confirm *that neither the Government* nor government agencies will ever use the word " loyalist " to describe organized law-breakers in Northern Ireland ?

MR REES—I can give an assurance on that. It is a self-style title in most cases.

Communications

MR WHITELAW (Penrith and the Border, C)—It is right to break what has been my self-imposed silence since I left Northern Ireland. This is the time above everything else to do everything we can to *communicate* to allay unjustified fears and exercise moderation.

In those circumstances, it is important to make clear to everyone that nothing that has been said in the Sunningdale agreement or the Constitution Act implies any sort of surrender of the North to a united Ireland. Quite the reverse.

It would be helpful to everyone in Northern Ireland if now Paisley would admit what he knows to be true: that there can be no question of any change *in the status of Northern Ireland* as part of the United Kingdom without the consent of the majority of the inhabitants.

MR REES—He is right. Sunningdale does not push the people of the North into the South. It provides under the Constitution Act that the Northern Ireland people will decide. They must decide. It cannot be done the other way. We will do our best to get the message through. He is right. We do not get much help from some people.

Problems in having a summer election

After the business for the week following the Whitsun recess was announced,

MR PALMER (Bristol, North-East, Lab) asked the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House : As an important decision will soon be taken on the future of Concorde, will he arrange for a full day's debate before any decision is taken ?

MR SHORT (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab)—The Government have not reached a decision and are not likely to in the next few weeks. I will bear in mind what he said.

MR MATHER (Esher, C)—Can he confirm or deny reports in the *Daily Mirror* that if there is a July *or August election, those on* wake's week holiday from the north will be allowed a delayed vote ?

MR SHORT—The Prime Minister has asked officials to study the problems involved in having a summer election and to look at the precedents.

MR FELL (Yarmouth, C)—Following last night's extraordinary decision to set up a select committee on MPs' interests, when will he be able to announce the membership of the committee and how long will they be given to report ?

MR SHORT—The names will be tabled today and approval sought tomorrow (Friday). It can start work immediately after the Whitsun recess. There was no explicit time in the resolution but the *committee were asked to report* at the earliest possible moment on matters relating to members' interests.

MR TORNEY (Bradford, South, Lab)—Following the BBC programme linking the cause of heart disease with the consumption of natural foods like butter, cheese and eggs, most of the national newspapers—and here I have *The Times*—carried a full page Unilever advertisement which linked the programme with this advert. I would feel there is some collusion between Unilever and the BBC.

As it is necessary to have a declaration of members' interests, does he feel there should be a declaration by BBC producers and other executives ?

MR SHORT—It will give me great pleasure to refer his words to the Home Secretary.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Commons

Today at 11.00 : Adjournment for the Whitsun recess until Monday, June 10.

Price sisters not to be moved to Northern Ireland at present

MR STALLARD (*St Pancras, North, Lab*) asked the Home Secretary to make a statement on the Price sisters.

MR ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab)—As the House will be aware, the Price sisters were sentenced to life imprisonment and to concurrent sentences of 20 years imprisonment in November, 1973, for their role in the bomb outrages at the Old Bailey and elsewhere. They *have been on hunger strike in* Brixton prison since December last.

This action has been a matter of *grave concern not only to the* medical and other staff at the prison but. I believe, to members on both sides of the House. But the view has long been taken that a prison medical officer would be neglecting the duty laid upon him by Parliament if he let the health of a prisoner in his charge on hunger strike be endangered without attempting to help.

Accordingly, the decision to feed a prisoner compulsorily has always been regarded as a medical matter for the judgment of the responsible doctor. It is on this *basis of medical judgment* that artificial feeding of the Price sisters began on December 3, 1973, and continued until Saturday, May 18.

Although the procedure is commonly described as forcible feeding, it depends in practice on a certain minimal degree of cooperation from the subjects. The medical officers have decided that the degree of non cooperation the sisters had displayed in the previous *few days made it dangerous* to continue with the feeding at present. The sisters remain under close medical supervision and will continue to receive all possible care and attention.

MR STALLARD—I am in no way condoning crimes committed, but on grounds of humanity and compassion—(Conservative protests)—and for some security reasons does he believe that these prisoners should be transferred to *Northern Ireland ? (Conservative* shouts of " No ".) Many transfers have taken place from Northern Ireland to this country and there are precedents.

Distress and hardship is inflicted unnecessarily on the relatives of these prisoners. Is it to be Home Office policy to allow hunger striking prisoners to die *rather than force feeding them in* British prisons ? Will Mr Jenkins reconsider, in the name of humanity and compassion and for some security reasons, transferring them back to Northern Ireland to complete their sentences ?

MR JENKINS—On his point : Is it now Home Office policy to allow prisoners to die rather than force *feed ? The decision is, has been,* and should be a matter of medical judgment. This is not subject to direction from me or from the Home Office.

The decision not to continue at present with compulsory feeding, which was taken on Sunday, was based, not on a policy of allowing them to die, but on a fear of the dangers involved in continuing with compulsory feeding in the new circumstances.

On the question of transfer to Northern Ireland, I indicated in a letter to Lord Brockway in March, a letter which was widely publicized at the time, that I would keep this matter under review, *and when, in the course of a few* months, a decision on transfer from Brixton became necessary in any event, I would consider it on a combination of compassion and security considerations, having to weigh both together.

But I do not think that, at the present time, in present circumstances, I could add to the burdens of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland by asking him to accept them in Northern Ireland *in the state of affairs there.* (Cheers.)

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—We *appreciate the difficulty of the* decisions he has to take in these questions. We support the spirit of what he said in the last sentence or two.

Will Mr Jenkins make it clear that he will not be influenced by any coercion and that in any decision on when, whether, and where to move the Price sisters, the paramount consideration must be security ? (Conservative cheers.)

MR JENKINS—I have made clear that I will have regard to legitimate, compassionate and security considerations, but I do not think it could be right for any Home Secretary to decide the *disposition* of prisoners under duress.

MR KERR (Hounslow, Feltham *and Heston, Lab*)—*In a matter as* politically sensitive as this it is dangerous to leave the power decision exclusively in medical hands.

MR JENKINS—Decisions about movement of prisoners are *not*, of course, in medical hands but the decision whether to give compulsory feeding or not must be a medical judgment. I would hesitate, even if it were possible, to say that any layman should issue *directions.*

MR BEITH (Berwick upon Tweed, L)—The majority in this country consider that Mr Jenkins has a duty to ensure that the British public is protected from the Price sisters. Their interest in being in Ireland should have been thought of when they first came here. (Cheers.)

An increasing number of us are doubtful about the whole force feeding process and would like to see it reviewed. Many of us feel that if people refuse to take food while in prison, that is their business and they must take the consequences. (Cheers and protests.)

MR JENKINS—I note what Mr Beith says in the first part of his question. There are considerable difficulties about the whole process of compulsory feeding and many countries do not use it. It is not used in Northern or Southern *Ireland. The position when I came* into office was that compulsory feeding was taking place and I would not have thought it right to call that off in the middle.

On the wider question, it is a *matter for consideration whether* compulsory feeding is a process which serves a useful purpose, but this is not the time to consider that in relation to this case.

MRS RENEE SHORT (Wolverhampton, North-East, Lab)—I do not condone anything which these two girls have done, but as a reforming and compassionate Home Secretary does Mr Jenkins not think that forced feeding should be banished from the prison system ? Over 50 years ago we were force feeding the suffragettes and we are still doing it *today.*

Irrespective of pressure about this case, would he say that this is a distasteful procedure for doctors and prison officers who have to administer it.

MR JENKINS—Of course it is a distasteful process and proceeding. Nobody is in the slightest doubt about that. The question at issue is whether the alternative is not still more difficult to accept.

As I have indicated, I am willing to look at the broader question of compulsory feeding.

The reason I am answering this question is not because forced feeding is continuing, but because it has temporarily ceased.

In the House of Lords after the statement on the Price sisters,

LORD BROCKWAY (Lab) said : The Government must consider the effect if anything happens to these girls in worsening the terrible situation which there *already* exists in Northern Ireland.

I shall be visiting these two *girls tonight and I will then urge* upon them to end their hunger strike because it is much more desirable that they should live for the Ireland they want than die for it.

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE—Many of us feel strongly that this was an abominable crime for which they were sent to prison and they have no right by threatening suicide to choose the place of their imprisonment. *There is a strong desire by* us to see that the rule of law is maintained.

Farmers want to go back to guarantees

MR MARTEN (Banbury, C) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to make a statement on the future of the Intervention Board.

MR PEART (Workington, Lab)—Under the provisions of section 6 of the European Communities Act, 1972, the *Intervention* Board is charged with certain functions in respect of the United Kingdom's obligations under the EEC common agriculture policy. The board will continue to fulfil this subject to any changes which may occur as a result of renegotiation.

MR MARTEN—It is becoming increasingly clear that the Intervention Board system in this country is ineffective. Many farmers in this country would prefer to go back to the guarantees.

MR PEART—I am aware when I have met farmers and representatives of the industry that they would much prefer the old system—the guarantee system—which I am proud to say was basically introduced by the first Labour Government after the war and which did work well. Intervention is not working in Europe.

MR HOOLEY (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—This beef iceberg is further evidence, if any was needed, of the lunacy of the common agriculture policy. (Labour cheers.) Would he be willing to take the opportunity of asking the *new President of* France and new Chancellor of Germany to exercise their undoubted *economic talents* to reform this policy and return, if possible, to the British system of guaranteed prices ?

MR PEART—The Foreign Secretary has stated we would like to reform the CAP. Very soon he will be making a major statement to the Council of Ministers and will spell our proposals out.

MR TOMLINSON (Meriden, Lab)—A substantial number of farmers in my constituency are *urging me to urge the minister to* consider the return to deficiency payments

MR PEART—*Many farmers* do want to go back to the guarantee system. It did work well.

MR PAUL DEAN (*North Somerset*, C)—Would Mr Peart recognize that when he was last in office he did command some confidence among farmers generally. What worries farmers more than anything is that he is not prepared to support the advantages which are available under EEC arrangements. Equally he is not prepared to put *anything* in its place. Farmers are losing confidence in him which they had before because they think he is falling between two stools.

MR PEART—He has made a fair point. I have recognized that *there is disquiet* about an in-between policy. They are concerned about the absence of support they thought *they would have* had in the Community. They feel I should clearly state the position of the Government. That is why we are having close talks with the NFU.

Government will never be bombed into surrender

On the motion for the fortnight Whitsun adjournment.

CAPTAIN ORR (South Down, UUUC) said it would seem odd to the people of Ulster that Parliament were proposing to take a fortnight's holiday while they had *no clear indication of the Government's intentions.* The general strike was but one step from civil war.

MR WEST (Fermanagh and South Tyrone, UUUC) said North*ern Ireland was likely to come to* a halt this weekend. It was dangerous for the House to adjourn and leave the Province in this position.

MR FITT (Belfast, West, SDLP) said *there existed in Ulster* today the most dangerous situation since 1920. A band of unelected people calling themselves the Loyalist Ulster Workers were holding a whole community to ransom. There was more hardship and heartbreak in Ulster than he had ever known.

Armed bands of fascist thugs were blackmailing people, preventing them from leaving their homes and from going to work. *Retired people could not get their* pensions or mothers their family allowances.

His own daughter, a nurse, had told him that people were existing on pain-killing drugs because operations could not take place because of fears about the lack of power. Lives could be lost.

For 54 years extremists had blackmailed British governments in the knowledge that none of these administrations would con*front them. But now that chal*lenge must be accepted.

This Government (he said) will have to use whatever resources they have, particularly the British Army. They must go into the power stations to generate the energy needed. There is no need for a civil war.

The REV IAN PAISLEY (North Antrim, UUUC) said most people in Northern Ireland were opposed to the British Parliament setting Northern Ireland in the direction of unification with Southern Ireland.

You can do what you like with the Sunningdale agreement (he said.) You can feed it to the *people in one teaspoonful or two* but they will reject it.

Mr Rees had made a misleading and irresponsible statement when he said that MPs had set up a provisional government and were issuing ration books from that provisional government. He challenged him to name the members of that provisional government *and say where the books were* printed and who issued them. If there was one he should arrest its members because they were acting illegally. It was slander to say that they came to Westminster and drew salaries but were members of a provisional government.

They had made clear that they thought the strike untimely but he resented and rejected the vile insinuation by Mr. Fitt that the leaders were fascist bully boys. *They were trade union convenors,* leading shop stewards, and respectable members of the community. (Labour protests.)

What is more (he said) these gentlemen have the support of the workers of Northern Ireland, not by intimidation. For the General Secretary of the TUC to tell the people of Northern Ireland that 8,000 strongly muscled shipyard workers can be intimidated by a lot of women from going to work *is ridiculous and laughable.*

No one should say that the strike did not have the support of most of the people in Northern Ireland. To use the Army against the majority in Northern Ireland, as Mr Fitt had suggested, would be a disaster.

If a referendum of the whole United Kingdom was held, people could say whether or they wanted Northern Ireland remain part of the United Kingdom. If Ulster was to go its way, it would go it reluctantly would never go into a United *Ireland Republic.*

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council and Leader of House (*Newcastle upon Tyne* Central, Lab); said those leading the strike, if it could be called a strike, had not been elected by people of Northern Ireland. They were persons who had taken law into their own hands. There was no justification for treating them as representatives of majority opinion in Northern Ireland.

It was not true, as Mr Paisley had said, that the Council of Ireland had been set up. Before that could happen, *and power* devolved to it, the approval of the Assembly—the elected forum of government in Northern Ireland was needed.

Why, it was asked, did the Executive not go to the country? Because (he said) this Parliament at Westminster decided the life of the Assembly had to be four years and it can be hardly expected to put its policies to the electorate in five months.

The purpose in Northern Ireland was to encourage and enable moderate people to stand up *be counted. We will never surrender* (he said) and allow ourselves to be coerced or bombed into surrender to the demands of a men of violence.

Westminster MPs from Ulster were leaders. But (he said) they are standing aside and the Northern Ireland degenerates into chaos, terror, and hatred. Why do they not go back to Northern Ireland and lead the country towards peace and reconciliation ?

The motion was agreed to.

Inquiry into pay and conditions of nurses to start after holiday

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE (East Surrey, C), initiating a debate on National Health Service pay, said the object was to impress upon the Secretary of State—he was sure that in her case it was not necessary—the urgency of some aspects of the problem in the nursing profession ; to make plain outside the House that the feeling of urgency was shared by all sides of the House ; and to press her to say why and how the matter could be resolved.

The House would be anxious to know the response of the Government to the repeated request of *the nursing profession* for an independent inquiry.

On the vexed question of agency nurses, the agencies did not employ more than about 2.9 per cent in the whole health service. And they did provide an indicator of how far the standard of pay paid by the monopoly employer might or might not have fallen behind *an acceptable level.*

The Government had erred already in not adopting the relativities procedure. *They would* make a grave mistake in abolishing the Pay Board. They would err *further if they did not* announce a review of the kind requested by the nurses.

Unless they proceed on such a footing (he said) it is difficult to see how we can lay any secure foundation for a sensible pay policy in the NHS.

MRS BARBARA CASTLE, Secretary of State for Social Services (Blackburn, Lab), said Sir Geoffrey had attacked the Government for proceeding to abolish the Pay Board. But it was in that context that nurses were on the march and felt more bitter than at any time in memory. This was a measure of the dangers and inadequacies of a rigid pay policy.

Nurses, under a statutory prices and incomes policy, had fallen lamentably behind.

They had been treated as students but exploited as cheap labour because the system of education for which nurses had been pleading for years had not been worked out.

The Government intended to introduce legislation in the next session to make the implementation of the Briggs *Committee* report on the training of nurses a reality.

She had inherited a mood of despair. The nurses were the first to agree that they did not want to see a free-for-all. The Government asked for a little time to think about the situation and to move towards the creation of machinery that would be in keeping with a voluntary policy and yet could prevent the dam from bursting, giving a flood of related pay *claims.*

The Government had considered the problem urgently. They had decided to set up an independent inquiry into the pay and conditions of work of nurses and midwives immediately. Lord Halsbury, chairman of the doctors' and dentists' review body, would be chairman.

The Government would not seek to fetter its findings in any way. She was discussing with the staff side the precise terms of reference and composition of the committee of inquiry.

The Government wanted the inquiry to report as quickly as possible compatible with the study in depth which the nurses wanted. *Lord Halsbury had told her he* could get down to work immediately after the Whitsun holiday and he was satisfied the inquiry would not have to be unduly prolonged.

We are on our way (she said) to a solution of the nurses' difficulties, and I give them this added assurance. The increases in pay which flow from the inquiry will be backdated to my announcement today. (Labour cheers.)

The nurses could have faith in this Government whatever they had experienced under any other. Their arrears of pay under Stage Three would be coming into their pockets by the end of this month. Nurses were bound to benefit shortly from the threshold provisions in their settlement.

As soon as the retail prices index figure rose to 7 per cent above the October 1973 figure they would automatically get an extra 40p a week and another 40p for every 1 per cent increase in the index.

For the lower paid nurses that would do considerably more than enable them to keep up with increases in the cost of living and would enable them to improve their position.

Physiotherapists, radiographers, dieticians, chiropodists and occupational therapists would also benefit from the findings of the review. It was intended that the results of the inquiry for nurses should be applied to those of the professions supplementary to medicine whose pay had been *traditionally linked with that of nurses* and she proposed to discuss with those concerned how that could best be achieved.

If the Prices Bill received Royal Assent by the end of June, the Government would expect to abolish the statutory pay control in July.

In the new situation she looked forward to being able to come to grips *with any other groups in the* with problems requiring attention as to how they might be handled within the arrangements envisaged by the Government for securing the orderly growth of incomes on a basis that was fair to all. This was a new deal which the Government were offering to nurses in the NHS.

She would say to the nurses: " Call off your action because we say to you—you are no longer *being played along* ".

MR MONEY (Ipswich, C) said the nursing profession worked the *longest hours of any of the caring* professions and were worst hit by unsocial hours.

DR WINSTANLEY (Finchley and Grove, L) said shortages tended to snowball. Once a hospital became short of one or two nurses it became much shorter of them.

One girl (he said) with inadequate training is left exercising responsibility over a ward at night and goes home or her dormitory often weeping with nervous fatigue, and sometimes does not go back at all because she is frightened of her job.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) said even before the NHS began they had given a service they deserved. The nurses were at fault for tolerating the conditions under which they were treated in hospital.

The nurses were not militants, left wing reds under the beds, but people who were *simply fed up* to the teeth with being exploited by all kinds of governments over the past 25 years. *This had to be* remedied quickly or there would be serious trouble.

DR OWEN, Under Secretary of State, Health (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab), said the established machinery for implementing recommended increases in the salary net incomes and practice expenses *of general dental practitioners* was slow.

The department had accepted *that fees scheduled by the Dental* Estimates Board from April 1 should be increased by 6 per cent.

This would represent payments on account roughly equivalent to an increase of 10 per cent in practice payments. The final settlement in respect of April, May, June would be made next week and subsequent payments on a monthly until a revised scale of fees was introduced.

House adjourned, 10.30 pm.

Compulsory use of car belts wanted by end of 1975

House of Lords

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, *Minister of State*, Home Office, moving the second reading of the Road Traffic Bill, said it *was broadly* similar to that introduced by the previous government and interrupted by the election. The previous Bill contained a number of proposals on bus licensing and these had been criticized by both sides of industry. The Secretary of State for the Environment was having further discussions about rural transport problems.

The power to ban stopping of *vehicles* near urban junctions had been dropped in this Bill as it would have given rise to a number of practical problems. Proposals allowing people under 21 to be trained for driving heavy goods vehicles were still being reviewed.

It was a scandal that in 1972 of the 2,500,000 fixed penalty parking notices issued in England and Wales payment had been made in only two-thirds of the cases and then only after police inquiries. In 1973, over a million offenders escaped payment. The Bill provided for changes in procedure so that vehicle owners were responsible.

The Government viewed the introduction of the owner liability scheme as essential to arrest the decline in the enforcement of the fixed penalty system.

A second group of clauses had as their principal objective to reduce casualties and promote road safety. With over 7,000 deaths and 90,000 injuries on the roads every year, a vigorous road safety programme was essential. The British accident rates were low by international standards but it would take a sustained effort to bring about further improvement.

The most striking casualty reduction would come if everyone wore a seat belt in his car. It was estimated that this would save *1,000 lives and 10,000* serious injuries every year. In Australia and other countries, laws had *been introduced to make the wearing* of seat belts compulsory and the Australian experiment had *shown that the law was complied* with to a considerable extent.

According to opinion polls, the *overwhelming majority* of the car using population in Britain had been convinced by the publicity on the value of seat belts and would comply with an obligation to wear them. But he feared that publicity by itself would not significantly raise the number who habitually wore seat belts.

Therefore if a clause in the Bill was accepted by Parliament, the Government intended to go ahead with consultations about the necessary exemptions and other aspects with a view to implementing the provision by the end of 1975. The Government were convinced that this was right.

Parking on verges and footways was a nuisance *which should* be controlled but the ban in the Bill was confined to urban roads and was allowed *local discretion for exceptions* where necessary as well as for emergencies and other special cases.

When the Bill came to the committee stage, the Government *proposed to table an amendment* which would ban the sale and fitting of defective components. This was a problem which received some publicity last year in connexion with the sale of tyres which were not suitable for use at *high speeds.* Action would be taken to stop this practice.

The Home Secretary had given *careful consideration* to the penalty provisions in the Bill which the Government considered were *in the best interests of penal* policy.

The removal of imprisonment on summary conviction for all road traffic offences except driving whilst disqualified was not welcomed in all quarters and especially not by the Magistrates' Association and the Justices Clerks Society but on this occasion the Government had felt unable to accept their advice.

LORD MOWBRAY and STOURTON (C) said that basically he welcomed the Bill, certainly the seat belts clause. On the proposal dealing with " sleeping policemen "—humps in the road to cause drivers to reduce speed—there might be a danger in icy and snowy weather when signs were covered up. This could be particularly *dangerous* for motor-cyclists and also to fire engines, ambulances and public service vehicles *going about their duties at high* speed.

The Bill was read a second time.

The Rabies Bill and the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill were read the third time and passed.

The Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill passed its committee stage.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received the Royal Assent: The Consolidated Fund (Number 3), Independent Broadcasting Authority, Rabies, Contingencies Fund, Barclay's Bank International, and United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution.

Building on success of the Open University

LADY LEE of ASHERIDGE (Lab), asking whether the Government had any proposals on the future work and progress of the *Open University*, said it seemed almost incredible that for the year 1975 only 3,000 new students were going to be accepted and over 30,000 applicants turned away. What kind of madness was this ?

The Open University could do more for the physically handicapped than all the other universities put *together. More money* must be forthcoming.

LORD GARDINER said he had become a student to see how it worked. Nobody should dream of becoming a student unless they *had the active support of their* family because otherwise it was hopeless. Courses did interrupt home life.

LORD GOODMAN said the Open University might not have survived *on its road to fruition* except for a massive arithmetical error by him.

Before the university started he was asked to do a cost-man report as to its feasibility, viability and cost. The figure he arrived at was several hundred times below the actual cost, but he did not blush with shame about this.

LORD SANDFORD (C) said the Open University provided courses which could be embarked on by students with the certainty that studies would not be interrupted by rows. This was more than could be said for other institutions of higher education at the moment. The time had come for higher educational institutions to adjust to the existence of the Open University.

LORD GARNSWORTHY, Lord in Waiting, said the total grant for the three years 1974, 1975 and 1976 was £33.6m. The Open University had asked for the grant to be raised in 1975-76 to allow more students to be admitted and *provide* for the expansion of courses. The Secretary of State had undertaken to consider this request in *the light of other* educational priorities and in the context of Government expenditure generally. Even with a massive injection of extra finance, the university could not attempt to admit all the potential students.

The Open University had won acclaim at home and abroad, and they were leading the world. The *Government* were resolved to build on its success.

House adjourned, 5.55 pm.

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GLOBE. 437 1592. Evenings 8.0 Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 4.30, 8.30 ALBERT FINNEY SHOLTO FELLIOTT, PAT HEYWOOD AND GERALDINE McEWAN in "CHEZ NOUS" a domestic Comedy by PETER NICHOLS

GREENWICH. 858 7755. THE NORMAN CONQUESTS by Alan Ayckbourn. TOM COURTENAY in LIVING TOGETHER. Eves. 8.0. Mat. Sat. 2.30.

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MERMAID. 248 7656. Rest. 248 2835 Evgs. 8.15. Sat. 5.15, 8.15. Mat. Wed. 2.15 THE GREAT SOCIETY. The Peasants Revolt of 1381. A new play by BEVERLEY CROSS

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Requests for application forms and further particulars should be made, in writing, to the Secretary, Appointments Unit (South Western Region), Room 112, 38 Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6DD.

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Application forms, a job description and details of assistance available as to housing etc., should be requested from the Personnel Officer, 5, Blackhorse Way, Horsham, Sussex, telephone Horsham 64681.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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Details of qualifications and previous and present appointments, together with the names of two referees should be sent to the undersigned, from whom further particulars may be obtained (Ref. FP), by 4th June, 1974.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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Applications are invited for a post of Senior Lecturer in the Social Anthropology and Sociology Division of the School of Social Sciences. The appointment will date from 1st October, 1974 or as soon after as may be arranged.

Candidates should possess a research degree in some branch of sociology and have appropriate teaching experience.

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Application forms and further particulars should be obtained from The Registrar, The New University of Ulster, Coleraine, Northern Ireland (quoting Ref. 74/79) to whom completed applications including the names and addresses of three referees should be returned not later than 25th June, 1974.

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Salary within the scale £2,118 to £5,844. The person appointed will be required to organise teaching and research relating to the conservation of archaeological materials, in which subject new First Degree and Higher Degree courses are being established. Qualifications should include a good Honours Degree in a science subject (preferably Chemistry). Practical experience in the techniques of archaeological conservation would be an asset. The successful applicant will be expected to take up his post on, or as soon as possible after, the 1st October, 1974.

Applications (two copies) giving full details of qualifications, experience and publications should reach the Director, University of London Institute of Archaeology, Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY, by 20th June, 1974.

The University of Hull

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited for a S.R.C. Postdoctoral Research Fellowship to work in collaboration with Dr. B. C. Cavenett and Dr. J. J. Davies on Spin-dependent Energy Transfer and Radiation-enhanced Luminescence. The Research will involve a study of energy transfer between magnetic ions in luminescent crystals using the technique of optically detected magnetic resonance. Experience in magnetic or optical spectroscopy would be an advantage.

The appointment is for two years, and is available from a date to be arranged with the successful applicant, at a salary of £2,236 rising to £2,340 in the second year, with F.S.S.U. benefits.

Applications (three copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience together with the names of three referees should be sent by June 15th, 1974, to the Registrar, The University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Newcastle upon Tyne

SCHOOL OF PHYSICS

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE or RESEARCH ASSOCIATE to undertake studies in Lunar magnetism and its implications, including experimental studies on Apollo and Lunar samples.

The appointment will be made from October 1974 and will, in the first instance, be for two years. Salary will be in the range of £2,118—£2,412, carrying FSSU.

Applications (2 copies) together with names and addresses of three referees should be lodged with the Head of the School of Physics, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, as soon as possible.

University of St. Andrews

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

S.R.C. POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from candidates with a Ph.D. for the above post tenable for two (possibly three) years from July, 1974. The work will involve the development of immobilized enzyme structures and the evaluation of these materials as analytical reagents in automated analysis. Starting salary £1,929; F.S.S.U. Applications, with the names of two referees, should be sent to Dr. W. E. Hornby, Department of Biochemistry, University of St. Andrews, Fife, by 7th June, 1974.

The University of Lancaster

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

PLANT PHYSIOLOGIST

Applications are invited for the three-year post-doctoral appointment supported by N.E.R.C. The research will consist of a study of the responses of plants to SO2 and NO2 pollution. The post is suitable for postgraduate students in whole-plant physiology or ecologists with experience of physiological methods who are expecting to graduate this year. Salary: £2,118 to £2,247 to £2,412.

Further particulars may be obtained (quoting reference L.828/A) from the Establishment Officer, University House, Lancaster, LA1 4YW, to whom applications (five copies), naming three referees, should be sent not later than 8 June, 1974.

University of Exeter

LECTURER IN ENGLISH

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in English tenable, if possible, from 1st October 1974. A special interest in 20th century literature may be an advantage.

The salary will be on the scale for lecturers with initial placement within the first four points of the scale: £1,929 to £3,588 per annum. The appointment will be subject to a probationary period of three years, with prospects of permanency thereafter.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the University, Northcote House, The Queen's Drive, Exeter EX4 4QJ, to whom applications (6 copies, overseas candidates one copy) should be sent by 15 June 1974. Please quote reference 1/5/366 in ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

University of Evansville

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Single candidates for residential post teaching American students. MA minimal requirement—candidates with Ph.D. preferred. Duties begin August 23, 1974. Deadline for applications May 31. Enclose vita to Director, Harlaxton Manor, Grantham, Lincs.

Do probation officers have a right to shield clients?

The dilemma of the probation officer with a loyalty divided between his client and the courts has been highlighted by the case this week of a battered baby, in which the probation officer concerned claimed the privilege of confidentiality and refused to give evidence.

Mr Justice Shaw, who on Monday sentenced Mrs Brenda Godfrey to three years' probation for the manslaughter of her daughter, Lisa, asked that an inquiry be made into the reasons for the silence of Mrs Margaret Bellville, the probation officer, who had been responsible for the supervision of Mrs Godfrey at the time of the baby's death.

Commenting on Mrs Bellville's claim to a privilege of silence on matters which had taken place between herself and her client, Mr Justice Shaw said: "The sooner she is disabused of the idea that she, or any person under her care, is entitled to claim such a privilege the better.

"The sooner she decides it is her duty to convey to the responsible authorities what she discovers as to the conduct of a person on probation in relation to a child, the more likely it is that tragedies of this kind will become fewer."

The judge said he would not necessarily criticize the handling of the case, but it seemed that "something fell short of what there might have been".

No hard and fast rules exist on what a probation officer should tell the courts or the police. The individual officer has usually to treat each case as he thinks fit. The one clear directive in the probation service handbook is that an officer must give evidence to the police if murder is involved.

A probation officer legally is no more and no less duty bound to report a crime than any other member of the public. Until a few years ago misprision (concealment) of a felony was an offence. Now only misprision of treason remains on the statute book.

Probation officers often turn a blind eye to minor offences by the person under their supervision. Mr Donald Bell, general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers (Napo), sees the role of the probation officer as half-way between that of a social worker and a policeman. Each probation officer has to work out for himself how he is going to define that role, he says.

He cited the case of a probation officer who was told by the offender he was supervising that he had stolen a car. The probation officer, instead of going straight to the police, persuaded the offender, after much discussion, to tell him where the car was and to hand over the keys. The officer went to the place where the car was, stopped a passing panda car, and gave the police the keys, telling them that the car had been stolen and was being returned. The matter went no farther.

Mr Clive Soley, a probation officer and press officer for the Inner London Napo says that if the probation service is to work successfully "we must put a very, very great emphasis on the confidentiality of the officer and his client. Unless the officer is able to gain the full confidence and trust of the client, he will not be able to change the behaviour of the offender, not only the offender, but society too, will suffer."

Mr William Beaumont, of the Napo Action Group, an informal ginger group which produces the magazine *Probe*, believes that most probation officers will try to get their client to confess to the police rather than report him themselves. "It is not our job to do police detective work", he says. "Most of us would be very reluctant to inform on clients, especially behind their backs."

The situation became especially vexed where a probation officer suspected strongly that an offence had been committed but did not have any proof. "A chap might come to you and say 'Look at my new watch', and you know he hasn't the money to buy one. Yet you don't know enough to tell the police. My personal line would be to try to get him to own up himself", he said.

Some probation officers take this line even in quite serious cases. One officer, who preferred to remain anonymous, said one of his clients had come to him while on the run from the police. He was wanted for having been involved in a bottle fight in which his opponent had nearly died. The probation officer decided not to tell the police, but after months of discussion he finally persuaded the man to give himself up.

The man is now serving a long sentence in prison. To have turned him in immediately, the probation officer insists, would have broken the good relationship that he had built up. Now that relationship continues and he is able to go on helping the man while in prison. Every probation officer, he says, could tell a similar tale.

Mr A. Joseph Brayshaw, secretary of the Magistrates' Association, maintains, however, that "a probation officer is a social worker of the courts and unless the law provides otherwise is under an obligation to help the courts".

Mr Michael Hogan, chief probation and after-care inspector at the Home Office, agrees with the majority of probation officers that the extent to which an officer should take the initiative in telling the police is a matter of professional discretion. "But where the offender is involved in a grave affair, then clearly the officer's responsibility as an official public servant of the courts means that he has to make it known to his chief officer, and he will then take legal advice."

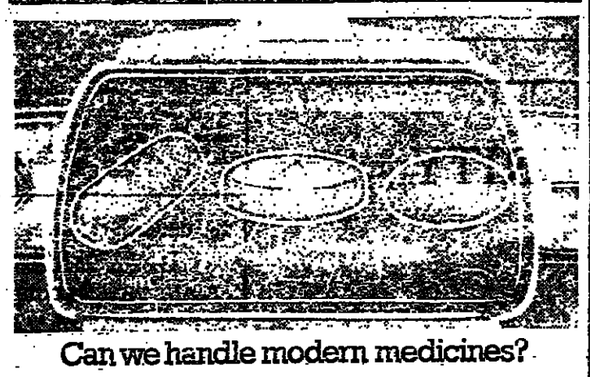
Mrs Bellville, it is understood, took the advice of the Inner London Napo solicitors when she claimed privilege of confidentiality and silence.

In law there is no absolute privilege of confidentiality except for lawyers and their clients.

Contrary to public belief, the privilege does not extend to a doctor and his patient, a priest and his penitent, a journalist and his contact or to the probation officer and his client. In practice, however, there are few cases where a judge will insist on such a confidential relationship being breached.

The London borough of Lambeth, the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority (Teaching) and the Inner London Probation and After-Care Committee announced that they have agreed to set up a committee "to inquire into and report upon the coordination of services for the prevention and management of cases of non-accidental injury to children and in particular the lessons to be learnt from the case of Lisa Godfrey". There will be an independent chairman and the Department of Social Services and the Home Office are to appoint assessors. Their report will be published.

Diana Geddes



Can we handle modern medicines?

A high street chemist describes doctors' prescribing habits as "diabolical".

A Scottish professor regards the manner in which old people attempt to dose themselves with the many pills they are commonly prescribed as "a kind of pharmacological Russian roulette".

Britain's elaborate new Medicines Act prescribes rigid controls over the proving, manufacture, promotion and marketing of all substances designed for the treatment of disease, but does nothing to ensure their safe and rational use after sale.

The pharmaceutical industry is blamed for exploiting the weaknesses of the medical profession and the pill-swallowing public for the sake of profit, but how far should responsibility for the proper handling of drugs be laid at the door of the people who make them?
This week in New Scientist, Dr Donald Gould puts the medicines scene in perspective.

Also this week: a new niche for hovercraft; earthworms, crows, vibrations, and motorways; and how children learn to talk.

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Bernard Levin

Hear, hear . . . those are my sentiments exactly

At the news that the proposed visit to the Coliseum Theatre of the Bolshoi Ballet was to go ahead as planned with performances starting on June 12, a considerable volume of protest broke out.

First to denounce the project was, as was only to be expected, Mr Eric Heffer (Minister of State for Industry). Speaking in his constituency, he first gave the background to the protest: the Soviet authorities' deliberate policy of attempting to destroy—professionally, artistically and mentally—Valery and Galina Panov, two of the Soviet Union's most gifted ballet dancers, merely because they had expressed a wish to leave the Soviet Union. "Dismissed from the company instantly", said Mr Heffer, "prevented from following their art, harassed, hounded and relentlessly persecuted, now apparently to be 'tried' for being unemployed, while the Soviet dictators make sure they are unable to find any kind of work—this is the reality behind the 'good will' tour of the Bolshoi Ballet."

Mr Heffer paused to cool his indignation with a sip of water, then continued as follows: "I broke the tradition of collective government responsibility the other day in protesting against the far too friendly *attitude to the Chilean dictatorship* displayed by the Government of which I am a member. I would be a shameful humbug if I were to remain silent when the leaders of a far more brutal dictatorship—one which holds a thousand in prison for every one suffering under the Chilean junta—dare to send their ballet company here while at home they are so vilely persecuting their finest ballet-dancers, and doing so, moreover, not for any political acts on the part of the Panovs, but because they wish to leave the Soviet Union and live elsewhere."

That was fine stuff; but Mr Heffer's Labour colleague, Mr Frank Allaun, went even further. "The other day", he said in a prepared statement, "I helped to organize the ban on an ancient tradition in Westminster Abbey—the annual laying of a wreath on the tomb of Lord Cochrane, *who in the nineteenth century* helped to develop the Chilean navy—in protest against what is happening in Chile. I also helped to ensure that the party at the Chilean Embassy was boycotted by all members of our Government. Now, of course, I intend to take exactly parallel action in the case of the Bolshoi's visit—though the scale of the oppression by the two regimes is wholly disproportionate, the crimes and tyrannies of the Soviet empire being thousands of times worse and more numerous. I shall denounce any of my colleagues who attend the performances or any function connected with them; nay, more—I will move heaven and earth to get the entire visit cancelled. Lord Harewood ought to be ashamed of himself, and if he is not I intend to make him so. This is the least I can do; I could not rest easy if I thought that inaction on my part in this case, following my action in the other, might give rise to the wholly unjustified allegation that I was nothing better than a hypocrite."

Miss Joan Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, made much the same point in moving terms. "It has been said of socialism", she declared, "that it is a moral crusade or it is nothing. Certainly that is my view of it, and indeed that is why I was largely instrumental in ensuring that the British rugby team should be denied all hospitality by the British Embassy in South Africa after they went ahead with their tour of that country despite the Government's disapproval. Now, obviously, political morality cannot apply in right-wing circumstances only to be suspended in left-wing ones. I could certainly not remain a member of this Government if it were to show any kind of favour, even the barest official courtesies (which were, after all, denied to the British footballers in South Africa) in connexion with the Bolshoi Ballet visit. But I am quite sure that I shall not need to resign: the Labour Government will be united in its resolute refusal thus to condone Soviet repression."

Asked if he intended to take any action against the Bolshoi season, Mr Peter Hain, the well-known campaigner against visits by South African sports teams, said: "Of course I do—do you suppose I only denounce right-wing tyranny while condoning the left-wing kind? I shall be organizing demonstrations, protests, marches—the whole programme that I followed in the case of the South African cricketers. If the Bolshoi season goes ahead nevertheless, I shall be on the pavement outside the Coliseum Theatre every night of it, handing out leaflets denouncing Soviet tyranny—especially racialist tyranny—and making sure that every person intending to join the audience knows exactly what he or she is condoning."

Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the engineers' union, said that he was going to propose to his Executive an industrial ban on all work done by their members at the Coliseum. "We do not, of course", he said, "have many members at the theatre. Still, we do have a few, and they are in crucial jobs. How do you suppose I would feel—I, who played so large a part in the campaign to stop work on Rolls-Royce engines for Chile—if the Bolshoi visit went ahead with the aid of my members' work? I would feel like some kind of odious fellow-traveller."

Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, took much the same line. "The tour must be banned", she said. "No doubt some members of the Labour Party disagree; no doubt, for that matter, some members of the Labour Party would be willing to appear on the platform at Communist Party rallies, to proclaim their admiration for the *Morning Star*, and indeed to follow the Communist Party line pretty consistently. So be it; but nobody shall level such accusations at me. The Soviet authorities must be told, politely but unambiguously, that their dancers, wonderful though they are, are not welcome here while their fellow-artists are being so shamefully persecuted at home."

Mr Hugh Jenkins, Minister for the Arts, has, of course, a particular responsibility in these matters. His attitude was also quite unequivocal. "Not only", he said, "do I think the visit should be abandoned, but if it goes ahead I shall certainly not attend either the performances or any kind of party, whether given by the Soviet authorities at, say, their Embassy, or by the Sadler's Wells organization at the Coliseum or elsewhere, or (of course) by the Foreign Office or other Government authority here. Do you seriously imagine", he went on, "that I would stand around slurping up the caviar and champagne while the Panovs were slowly rotting to death? It would turn to ashes in my mouth. No, you may take it that I will have no truck whatever with this tour, and I shall certainly urge the Government to insist that it be called off."

Finally, the Foreign Secretary, James Callaghan, broke his silence on the subject—and broke it to some purpose. "In 1970", he said, "I insisted so far as it lay within my power, that the invitation to the South African cricketers to play here should be withdrawn. I now take the same attitude to the Bolshoi Ballet. On that occasion, I referred, in stating my conclusions, to the divisive effect on the community', 'race relations within this country', 'the position of the police', and other matters which are equally relevant, in exactly the same way, to the ballet visit. I do not now give anyone the right to call me a dissembler, a sophist, a shuffler, a turncoat, a Pecksniff, a double-dealer, a poseur, a quack, a fraud, a Pharisee, a twister, a two-timer, a four-flusher. The invitation to the Bolshoi Ballet must be withdrawn. (*None of the statements above actually made. None of the persons referred to has made any such statement or taken up any such position. Indeed publicly criticized or mentioned the visit of the Bolshoi Ballet at all. It is perhaps worth wondering why not.*)

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Mr Fulbright and the Arkansas game of musical chairs

More than half a million dollars is currently being poured into Arkansas politics. It is an extraordinary sum for what is an under-populated state and one of the poorest in the union. It is even more extraordinary that most of it is coming from bankers as well as liberals in an effort to save Senator J. William Fulbright in next Tuesday's primary.

The illustrious Democrat's Senate seat is in jeopardy after 30 years, and with it his chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. But many more dominoes could fall, or at least be shifted, if he loses. Hence all the money; hence a story of political musical chairs that to observers is at last providing a distraction from Watergate.

It all comes about because Senator Fulbright is up for re-election this year. His is a safe Democratic seat. But unlike the way some British party satraps may go on for ever, it is not his to keep. The primary election system forces party voters to elect their candidate and ensures each sitting member a challenge inside his own party. The winner goes forward to a "secondary" election against other party candidates at the general election.

This time everyone agrees that Mr Fulbright, aged 69, is up against it. His challenger, Mr Dale Bumpers, the eloquent 48-year-old governor, is running a vigorous campaign. His message: it is time young bucks were in. Reports of local polls place him well ahead of Mr Fulbright.

This prospect has rallied bankers to Mr Fulbright's aid. Not because they like him; the reverse is more likely. It is because what might happen to the chairmanship of the Senate Banking Committee. There is a corresponding panic among the foreign policy barons of the State Department and White House at what could happen to the chair of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator John Sparkman, conservative old Democrat of Alabama, is chairman of the Banking Committee. He is also number two to Mr Fulbright on the Foreign Relations Committee. Seniority works automatically, so, if he wants it—and rumour has it that Mr Sparkman would like to serve out his time with the prestige of international dealings—he could have the Foreign Relations post.

In that event, the number two on the Banking Committee, Senator William Proxmire, would move into that chair. It is this prospect that scares the bankers. Mr Proxmire, a noted foe of wasteful spending, particularly at the Pentagon, could be expected to breathe new life into regulatory agencies controlling the banking community.

By contrast, the foreign policy-makers would be happy with Mr Sparkman—whom they feel would be a tonic after Mr Fulbright's occasional recalcitrance. They also say Mr Proxmire would be good for bankers.

However, assuming that Mr Fulbright is defeated and that Mr Sparkman stays put in the bankers chair, what then? Next in line for the Foreign Relations job would be Senator Mike Mansfield, the majority leader. He would have to give up the leadership to be chairman, and his quixotic notions of foreign policy—pulling out troops from Europe and praising Prince Sihanouk to the skies—would be a further worry to the policy makers.

Yet they concede it would be even worse were Mr Mansfield to hold onto the leadership (which is likely) and pass the chairmanship down the line to the next most senior member, Senator Frank Church of Idaho. Mr Church, also up for re-election this year, is an unusual liberal in a heavily conservative State. But in this year of Watergate he is expected to win easily.

On Wednesday morning some of these "nightmares" will be resolved into reality or fancy. Mr Fulbright, whose name will live long for the postwar generation both for the Fulbright scholarships and his opposition to the Vietnam war, may yet spring a surprise. All the dominoes might then stay in place, but few in Arkansas seem to be putting any money on it.

Fred Emery

Venice, the romantic city of industrial development

Signor Giorgio Longo, the *Mayor of Venice, resents the* foreign press. He believes that he is misunderstood and much maligned. Certainly he is misunderstood. Whatever happens in the murky corridors of the bureaucracy in Rome and Venice, one thing is clear. The mayor is a romantic, but not only about the Venice of Canaletto.

"The port was here before the palaces", he said the other evening over dinner in the Lido. "The port must continue."

His eyes gleamed through the heavy horn-rimmed spectacles. He was obviously carried away by a private vision of Venice rivalling Rotterdam as Europe's greatest port. Already it handles 70,000-ton tankers, for which a new channel has been dredged, and *plans are afoot to double* the size of the existing port and industrial areas.

Signor Longo exuded excitement at the thought of a new autostrada connecting Venice with Munich. It would reduce travelling time between the two cities to less than four hours, and would obviously attract more goods traffic as well as tourists.

Of course, he added bitterly, the conservationists were objecting simply because the autostrada would ruin some pretty countryside. If they had their way, the road would terminate in Yugoslavia, and a great deal of traffic would be lost to the free world.

Then he brightened at the thought of the reopening of the *Suez Canal*. Venice was the natural port for trade to the Middle East and beyond. Peace in the Middle East would bring boom conditions to Venice.

Earlier that day I had visited that Venice where few tourists venture, the port and industrial plants at Marghera. There a port official had pointed with pride to the new wharves and the jetties for the roll-on and roll-off trucks.

The juggernauts would come roaring down that new autostrada from Munich, roll straight on to the waiting transports and then sail off to Benghazi, Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Jidda, Aden, Mogadiscio and Zanzibar. Goods could be delivered from Italy, Germany and Austria to the African interior without being unloaded.

> 'The petro-chemical plant does look beautiful in a certain light and at a distance but, and this is a big but, it does pollute the atmosphere'

Across the bay, tankers were moving towards the petro-chemical complex, gleaming through the faint mist. An Italian companion said how beautiful it was.

We also visited a modern automated silo, a granary which looked big enough to feed all the starving peasants of India. Large grain carriers from North America were being uploaded in less than 24 hours.

At the same time huge lorries and trailers bound for Germany and Austria were being loaded with disinfected grain within minutes. These complicated operations and much else were controlled by two men working at consols in an air-conditioned office.

Let there be no doubt about it, this is romantic. It is part of the romance that made Venice great in the first place. The petro-chemical plant does look beautiful in a certain light and at a distance, but, and *is a very large but*, it pollute the atmosphere. they do not build palaces more.

I put this to the mayor, he naturally agreed that Ve must be saved. He was, all, a Venetian, and not a tou

He was now cooperating the international campaig restore those splendours. one condition was that restored palaces should ser useful purpose. They sh live.

He was alive to the challe of saving Venice from sinl into the lagoon, although l could be done at present. level of the oceans was ri everywhere. Nothing could done to prevent the moven of the ocean bed, but the l of the water table could be served. This was being done

It was suggested that Ve was flooded from time to t because the marshes which absorbed the encroaching wa like a sponge were now b upon. Concrete jetties and d sidings could not absorb wa This he denied. It had been proved, and in any the new oil channel provide escape for flood water. denial was not persuasive, other guests were more cerned about the plans to do the port and industrial ar This could only double the gers, real and assumed, seen to threaten Venice.

The mayor's eyes sudde darkened. The foreign press no longer the main ene Apparently planning permiss had been delayed. For inexp able reasons meetings of various authorities had not b held.

There was a general mut ing round the table about Ital inefficiency, and then the atm phere lightened. Perhaps t alleged inefficiency would s Venice. It could, but I wo not depend upon it. The fore press and other interes groups must remain as vigil as ever, even if it does mean t Signor Longo, Mayor of Ven remains a misunderstood maligned man.

Louis Her

The Times Diary

Rolling down the warm, green grass

My reporter made his way to Alexandra Park on Wednesday evening to witness the arrival of a new sport in London. "The opening of the Alexandra Palace Grass Ski Centre", said the organizers, "provides Londoners with another exciting leisure pursuit". Grass skiing has the obvious advantage that you do not have to wait for it to snow.

Not that winter skiing at Alexandra Palace takes place on snow: the slopes that have been used hitherto are clad in ugly plastic spikes called Dry Snow.

On the plastic you use standard skis, but for grass there are two varieties of equipment from which to choose. Both resemble outsize roller-skates attached to surgical boots, but where the Rollka grass skis run on plastic rollers, the Grilsons resemble caterpillar tractors with tracks running on ball-races. The Grilsons make a whirring rattle as they run, which makes them more exciting than the disappointingly hushed Rollkas.

Grass ski-ing became popular in Germany, and was introduced in Britain four years ago. It is, therefore, not really a new sport, and some of the practitioners who displayed their skills on Wednesday were clearly proficient already, as they plummeted inelegantly down 100 yards of hillside. Others managed to fall over four or five times, in the best traditions of the ski slopes.

Some of the young people involved still sported the chapped bronzing of their winter holidays. A West Indian steel band was in attendance but it was too cold and dull for them to play. Most reporters beat a hasty retreat to the club-house bar and ignored loudspeaker pleas to come out and watch, but Monty Modlyn had a go for the benefit of the television crew.

Two readers submitted pictures of this notice to my competition for confusing or ambiguous road signs. The one I have chosen was taken by Adrian Bower of Birkenhead. More next week—and the lists are still open.

Junk

Among the first phrases my young son learned to say was "junk mail". We would receive much of it, because a couple of doctors used to live in our house and were constantly being canvassed about the merits of wonder drugs. That has stopped now, but we still get those odd missives telling us that we have already won a £10,000 Mercedes, and would we like to claim it, yes or no? (There is only one safe answer to that question.)

That is why, when the Post Office invited me to see a film on the subject, I hurried along. It turned out, though, to be not strictly relevant to my particular concern, being about how captains of industry could best inform other captains of industry about the merits of their product by sending promotional gimmicks through the mail to their offices.

The message was that mail is a better advertising medium than newspapers or television.

I told one of the Post Office people that it seemed odd to be advertising for more customers for the postal service, when it seemed to be on the verge of collapse in London, where letters take several days to arrive. That, he said, was due to unofficial industrial action in two London depots and did not affect mail posted in the provinces where much direct mail advertising originates.

It was a funny and well-made film, but I can hardly be expected to enthuse over it, seing how it knocked the rival media. People tended to hang curtains during television commercials, it said, and nobody read the advertisements in *The Times*, which they bought simply for the crossword. In fact, it is scientifically proven that the feature which attracts most people to *The Times* is . . . modesty forbids. . . .

No pictures

What used to be the Hulton publishing empire launched a new enterprise yesterday. Peregrine Worsthorne, the editorial director of Sir Edward Hulton's new quarterly *International Review*, thought it was appropriate that the ceremonies took place in the Marie Antoinette room of the Ritz.

Certainly the first issue has a traditional and dated format. It looks like the house magazine of one of the staidest banks and contains a condemnation of the *détente between the United* States and the Soviet Union, along with other pieces of right-wing analysis in foreign affairs.

Worsthorne, developing his Marie Antoinette theme, emphasized how brave Hulton was to be launching a new quarterly at a time like this. This idea was reiterated so constantly that it was clear everyone expected Hulton to lose money on the project.

Worsthorne thought the format would have to be brightened. As it is the *Review* is an incongruously dry publication to incorporate, as the title page says, the famous name of *Picture Post*. There are no pictures except small portraits of some of the authors.

Irony

Since he was deposed by an inside coup last November, Greek dictator George Papadopoulos, seriously depressed, had refused to venture outside the spacious seaside villa rented from Aristotle Onassis. But last month friends and relations induced him to forget his hermitage for a trip to Strophades, a privately-owned group of lush islets off Western Greece, on a 10-day shooting expedition.

Rough seas on the way back forced the party to use an Olympic Airways helicopter, which deposited them on the western coast at a quiet township. Local crowds gathered to watch. When the ex-President was recognized, there were boos and catcalls. Shocked, the ex-dictator complained to his companions: "Those were the same people who showered me with rose petals the last time I was here".

The latest of the political lapel buttons proliferating in Washington reads: NOBODY'S PERFECT. AGNEW-EAGLETON IN '76.

Roll on

One effect of our being in Europe is that MPs can, if they have nothing better to do, immerse themselves in shoals of documents on topics of amazing obscurity. One recent set doled out at the Vote Office has been on the controversial issue of carnation leaf-rollers.

These pests—for such they are—come in two nationalities: South African rollers and the Mediterranean rollers. The crisis over them arose because a proposed community directive would prohibit member states from placing an absolute ban on the import of carnations with roller-contaminated leaves, as they are presently empowered to do.

There is, therefore, a serious danger of uncontrolled leaf-rolling among carnations, un swift action is taken. The E pean Commission has there proposed a new directive, taining eight articles and 11 ambular paragraphs, which the effect of requiring memb to control the dreaded rol within their borders.

"The production of ca tions", says the direct "occupies an important pl in Community agricultur And who wants a carnation a rolled leaf?

Thunderer

Basil Dean began telling ac what to do when he wrote first play in 1908 and found had to direct it as well. He 19 then, so it was a man in mid-eighties who had a he welcome when he made a prise after-lunch speech du the conference of the Cou of Repertory Theatre.

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Belgium

a Special Report

Three communities' mood of cooperation augurs well

by Roger Berthoud

Belgian governments come and go roughly every 18 months, but so far the country remains prosperous and, for all its internal divisions, remarkably stable. The main threats at the moment are inflation and the progressive decline of the European Community.

The new Government of Mr Leo Tindemans wants Belgium to return to the bottom of the European inflationary league. As for the EEC, no member state, except possibly Holland, would suffer more if the protectionist barriers went up again in Europe. Self-interest naturally and rightly lies at the heart of Belgium's enthusiasm for European unity.

On the domestic political front there are signs of a marked turn for the better in relations between the three communities contained in Dutch-speaking Flanders, French-speaking Wallonia, and bilingual Brussels.

Quite unexpectedly, the general election of March 10, which seemed to change so little, has led to an unprecedented degree of cooperation between the "Federalist" parties from the three communities, the Volksunie, the Rassemblement Wallon and the Front Démocratique des Francophones, on the one hand, and two of the traditional parties, the Social Christians and the Liberals, on the other.

The Federalists, with their militant agitation for regional autonomy, were previously considered to be beyond the pale: Mr Tindemans has helped them to become respectable.

We now have a remarkable situation in which the Federalists are maintaining in existence the minority coalition of Social Christians and Liberals which Mr Tindemans formed on April 22. Technically in opposition alongside the Socialists and Communists, the Federalists have in fact been abstaining. Earlier, they came near to joining the government.

The unprecedented negotiations at the castle of Steenokkerzeel on April 20 broke down eventually—but not before the Federalists had shown an extremely encouraging degree of flexibility. Even the taboo topic of the future geographical limits of the Brussels zone, restricted in 1962 to 19 bilingual communes and six more with French-language facilities, had been broached. An enlargement of the Government to bring in one or more of the Federalist parties is still seen as a possibility.

Mr Tindemans's minority coalition is generally held to be an interim solution. It has seemed possible that the Rassemblement Wallon, with its 13 seats in the Lower House, might join it. This would strengthen Walloon representation, weak in both the Social Christian and Liberal parties. Alternatively, observers believe that Mr Tindemans might form a new government with the Socialists in the autumn.

The more hopeful feeling in the political air is due in large measure to the personality of Mr Tindemans. By Belgian political standards he is young—only just 52. He is remarkably open-minded, and recognized as a man of intelligence and integrity. He has all the necessary languages. He even has considerable charm. The chief doubt concerns his toughness; and there, only time can tell. It is not necessarily to his advantage that he is the sort of Belgian whom foreigners like.

International politics have been an abiding interest. He is a devoted European and member of the Monnet Committee for a united states of Europe. He has studied and lectured in the United States. He may, in short, be expected to play his part on the European stage.

Yet one should not expect Mr Tindemans necessarily to live up immediately to the reputation built for him by the recent election campaign. "With this man, things will change", the posters of the Flemish Social Christians shouted. The perennial problems of Belgium remain intractable, and some cannot be solved until the Government has the two thirds majority in Parliament necessary for constitutional changes.

Knottiest of all is the problem of the composition and powers of the proposed regional councils. The idea is that they should have some of the same autonomy in the economic field as the cultural councils, composed simply of the parliamentary deputies of the French and Dutch-speaking communities, already have in the cultural fields.

Mr Tindemans believes that the regional councils cannot be added to the existing institutions—city councils, urban authorities, provincial councils and Parliament. Instead, the regional councils should replace the provincial councils. He also believes they must have their own revenue. This would give them genuine freedom and avoid clashes with Parliament but it would involve the unpopularity attaching to taxation.

Among other hardy annuals is the schools problem. The Socialists want mixed schools to replace the existing pattern of state and Roman Catholic schools as soon as possible. The Socialists also resent the fact that whereas Catholic schools receive subsidies on a per capita basis and have great freedom in spending the state's money, the spending of state schools is rigidly controlled.

Then there is the problem of reforming the law on abortion—unpopular in the Catholic and conservative north, popular in the socialist-inclined francophone south; and the whole ideology-fraught problem of the creation of state enterprises, where the Government's programme has gone some way towards the Socialists' demands, notably in the energy sector.

It was precisely over the Ibramco project—the setting up of a Belgo-Iranian oil refinery near Liège—that Mr Leburton's coalition of Socialists, Social Christians and Liberals fell on January 18.

The project was dear to the Socialists, whose main support lies in Wallonia. But the Flemish Social Christians and Liberals were sceptical of its commercial and ideological merits, and the Iranians cancelled it after endless prevarications in the deeply divided Belgian Cabinet. The Prime Minister and eight Socialist ministers thereupon resigned. A general election seemed the only way out.

The passing of the cumbersome an ineffective Leburton Government went unlamented. Greater hopes attach to Mr Tindemans. Not just the hopes of Belgians but of foreign residents too. There are many temporary Bruxellois who believe his government could do a good deal for the good name of Belgium.

As every opinion poll makes clear, the reputation of Belgium stands low among fellow Europeans. Why is this so? Possibly it is not because of the old linguistic squabbles, the lamentable driving, the preoccupation with comfort, and other more or less justified clichés. It is more perhaps because of the deplorable appearance of Brussels, suffering at the hands of thoughtless property developers.

Looking up from the old town towards the central railway station and the Westbury Hotel, looking at the Manhattan Centre or the ITT tower, or at the destruction of the pretty squares behind the Avenue des Arts, the visitor easily concludes that in Belgium money reigns supreme—with full official blessing. Belgium deserves a better name; and Mr Tindemans can help to give it one.

Cutting crystal at Val St Lambert, one of the country's traditional industries.

More positive leadership and firm decisions needed to clear economic hurdles

by David Cross

Government or no government, the Belgian economy has marched resolutely forward in the past few years. Friendliness towards foreign investors and an export drive helped by the worldwide economic boom of the past decade have been sufficient to ensure prosperity despite the weak economic direction provided by a succession of shaky coalitions.

But it has become clear during recent weeks that a more positive political leadership will be required in the future to steer the country safely through the uncertainties of inflation and a predicted slackening in the rate of economic expansion.

One of the first signs of a possible end to the customary Belgian method of resorting to compromise, which has effectively meant continually putting off decisions in the hope that any given problem will finally disappear, appeared as a result of the energy crisis.

After successfully overcoming the initial Arab boycott, the country's oil supplies virtually came to a halt in a price dispute between the Government and the international oil companies. The inability of the caretaker Government, which has run the country for most of the first part of this year, to reach a swift decision was at the root of the trouble.

With prices threatening to rise by at least 10 per cent (inflation could be as high as 15 per cent if the increases recorded in the first months of the year are repeated throughout 1974) and fears of a further spread of unemployment, some firm decisions will have to be taken fairly quickly.

The general public, at least, have taken to heart the economic threats confronting the country. Recent opinion polls have shown that concern about inflation and unemployment is their primary preoccupation. Political leaders, too, have voiced their disquiet on more than one occasion. But it remains to be seen whether the recently appointed minority government of Social Christians and Liberals under the leadership of Mr Leo Tindemans, the Prime Minister, will have sufficient strength to put into force some of the more unpopular economic decisions required.

Compared with the economic problems of several of the member states of the European Community, however, those facing Belgium are by no means dire. The impact of the past couple of years, when the country enjoyed a healthy balance of payments and a high level of industrial activity, will continue to have beneficial repercussions for the next few months at least.

The country's structural surplus on current account, as a recent study carried out by the Banque de Bruxelles points out, dates from the beginning of the 1970s, when exports began to surge ahead of imports. The growth of exports was directly related to the high level of industrial investment carried out in Belgium since the early 1960s, which resulted in setting up a wide variety of technologically advanced units.

Last year's boom figures speak for themselves. The balance of payments of the Belgo-Luxembourg economic union showed a record surplus of 36,800m Belgian francs (about £368m). This was due to a high surplus on current account, a deficit on capital account standing at about half the 1972 level and a sizable inflow of unidentified funds.

Exports, nearly 70 per cent of which are absorbed by other member states of the EEC, rose by 22.2 per cent to total 868,000m francs last year. At the same time imports increased by 24.8 per cent to a total value of 851,000m francs.

Both exports and imports were helped by the accession of Britain, Denmark and the Republic of Ireland to the Community at the beginning of last year. In the case of trade with Britain Belgian imports rose more than exports to give a balance in Britain's favour of some 15,000m francs (about £150m).

Industrial activity, which reached a peak during the last quarter of 1972, slackened slightly last year, but was still increasing at a respectably high level. The industrial production index rose by 5.6 per cent during the year, with leading export industries like chemicals and steel products paving the way. This compared with an average rise of 6.4 per cent for 1972 and with a 10 per cent increase during the last quarter of that year.

Investment, too, was at a high level, increasing by about 10 per cent in both the private and the public sectors.

The situation on the prices and incomes front, where stability has in the past been one of the main reasons for Belgium's competitiveness abroad, was not as bright last year. Prices rose by some 7.5 per cent, considerably more than during 1972, with wage costs, at 8 per cent, slightly ahead of consumer price increases. But Belgium's inflation rate was still well below those of most other EEC countries and compared favourably with the 7.4 per cent of West Germany and the 7.9 per cent of The Netherlands.

Because of the structural surplus the increased cost of oil imports should pose no insuperable problems for Belgium's balance of payments. According to recent estimates of the Banque de Bruxelles, the direct and indirect effects of the rise in oil prices will result in a deterioration in the trade balance of between 20,000m and 40,000m francs this year.

"Thus, if the current account surplus will be much reduced, it is unlikely to be transformed into a deficit, and indeed a surplus of some 10,000m francs may well remain", the bank predicts.

However, as the European Commission pointed out in its latest quarterly report on the economic situation in the EEC, the slackening of world demand and the rise in import prices resulting from the oil crisis is bound to affect economic growth this year. Forecasts of a growth in gross national product of between 3 and 4 per cent, while more optimistic than earlier predictions of zero growth, are lower than the 6 per cent increase in 1973 and the 5.4 per cent rise in 1972.

But for both the Commission and the Banque de Bruxelles one of the main problems confronting the Belgian economy is the persistent upward price-wage movement. If this continues as higher oil prices work their way through to the ordina[illegible] retail prices of a wide ran[illegible] of goods (wage increases a[illegible] directly linked to the ret[illegible] price index in Belgium), could, according to the ba[illegible] jeopardize the otherw[illegible] stable outlook for the B[illegible] gian franc.

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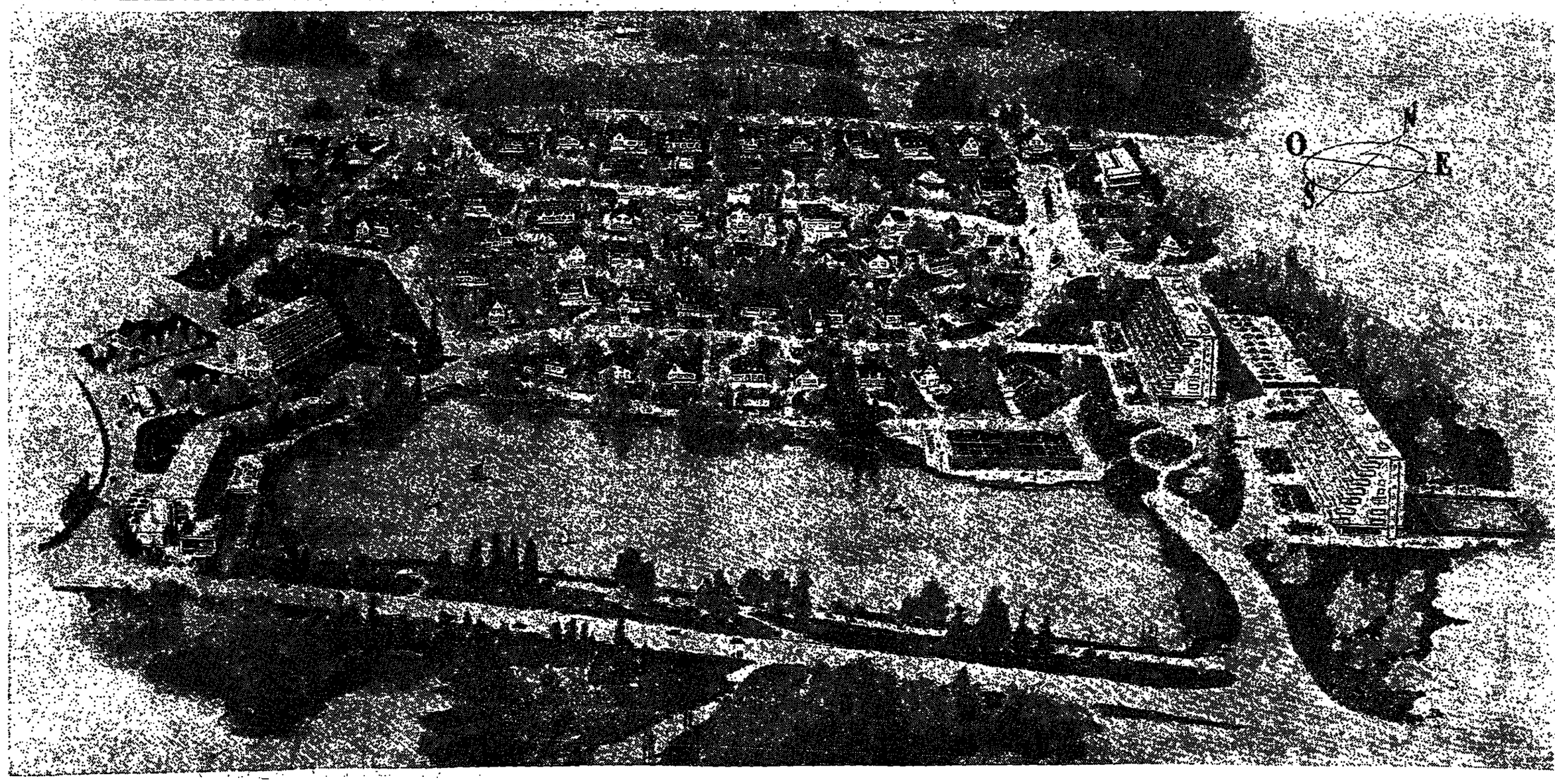

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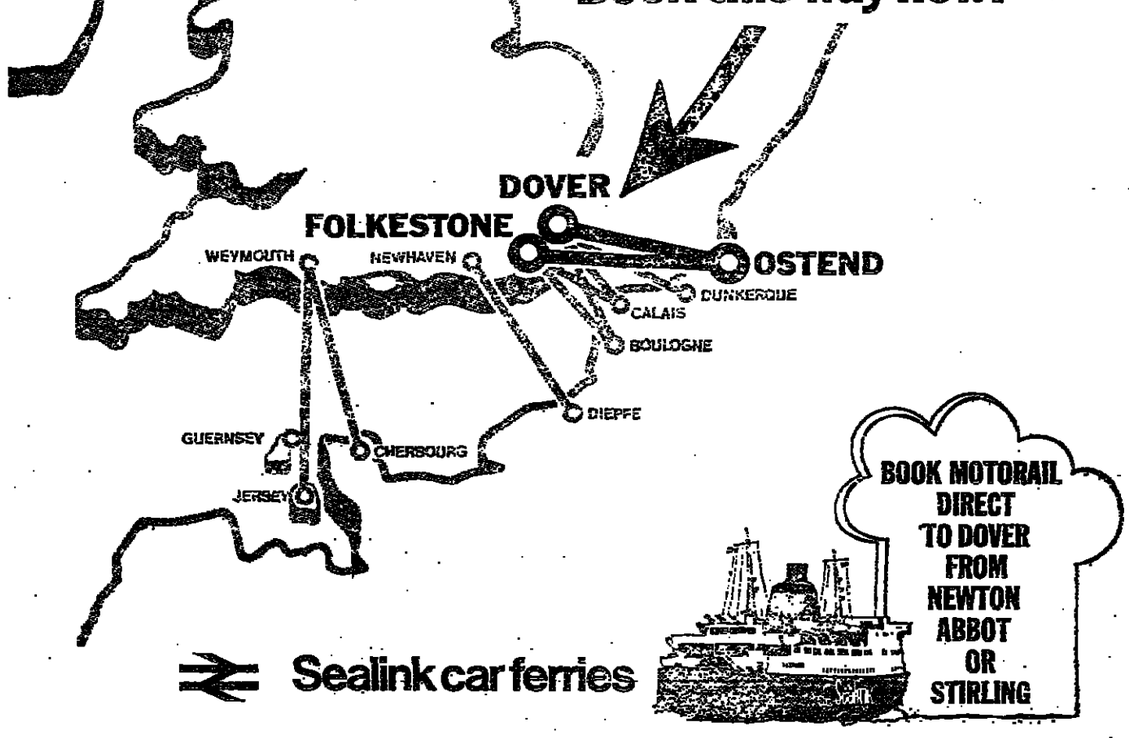

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Limburg: rural region wants its mines

by Margot Lyon

Will the Campine coalmines stay open, or will they not? That is the burning question in the Limburg province, where mining still dominates despite the recent rapid progress in setting up other industries. Until the 1920s this Flemish region lived rooted in its rural Catholic traditions, a beautiful backwater from the heath and scrub of its north to the cherry and apple orchards of Saint Truiden in the south.

Genk, a few miles from the provincial capital, Hasselt, was a moorland village until its coal was exploited after the First World War. In 1974 Genk has 60,000 inhabitants, a third of whom are immigrant miners and their families. Surprisingly much of it is still quite beautiful. The miners' houses round the Waterschei and Winterslag pits form almost a garden suburb—utterly different from the Coronation Streets of South Lancashire or of Belgium's southern coalfields around Liège and Mons.

The Campine (Kempen in Flemish Dutch) has seven mines that produce high-grade coking coal and power-station "nutty". But they are deep, the plant is now outworn and production is uneconomic. Already by 1959 the European Coal and Steel Community was putting pressure on Belgium to phase out the mines for eventual closure. Since then all the big collieries of the Walloon south have closed, but the Campine still produces about 15 per cent of the country's energy needs. For the rest, Belgium imports Polish and American coal, Middle-East oil and Dutch natural gas.

Home production could not continue without heavy government subsidies. Two of the Genk mines closed in the 1960s against an outcry that led to strikes, violence and the loss of two lives. In 1967 the five remaining mines fused ownership into the Kempensteenkolenmijnen company, which is nominally private but virtually nationalized by subsidy. Last year state subsidies totalled 3,969m Belgian francs for 6,500,000 tons of coal mined by 6,766 Belgians and 6,400 immigrants working underground, and 4,368 (almost all Belgians) at the surface.

Over the years the miners have won exceedingly good returns for their dangerous and dirty jobs. They now have a mass of benefits that includes not only generous social security and sick pay, cheap coal and subsidized rents, but extra holidays, free travel for their families, mortgage interests of 1 per cent, pensions after 27 years, and more. No wonder they insist that the five mines should not close. They claim that another 25 years' reserves still exist, though nobody questions that the coal will cost more every year to exploit.

An official of the Socialist Mineworkers' Federation told me that because of inflation the miners will expect new wage increases up to 10 per cent. He acknowledged that this might bring subsidies to the point where the state could no longer pay. "The great question now", he said, "is whether the Government attaches more importance to coal costs or to security of supply, now that we have entered a period of world uncertainty".

Last September the Minister for Economic Affairs proposed that all the Walloon mines should close by 1980 and that the Campine should limit production to three million tons a year from its two best pits, Zolder and Waterschei. During the winter oil crisis the project was shelved, but the latest signs are that if the worst of the energy crisis is indeed over—the closure policy will continue, though more slowly.

In the meantime the mines are forbidden to take on new men, and the younger men are encouraged to transfer voluntarily to other jobs. Unemployment benefits during retraining periods are fixed at 100 per cent of pay for the first four months and 80 per cent for the next four. Immigrant miners get the same rates of pay, by the miners' own insistence.

Some of the Italians and Spaniards who came between the wars have now settled in Limburg. The Turks, Moroccans, and Greeks who form most of the present foreign work force usually aim to earn as much as possible and go back home. But the province provides an admirable service for their families if they bring them: it includes housing, child care, interpreters, mosques with the *imam* doubling as school teacher, and even televised lessons in Dutch.

What are the prospects for an ex-miner, or for the young Limburg people looking for jobs? This is the problem that the state, the province and the towns have made an all-out effort to solve over the past decade—spurred on by the fact that Limburg's population growth has stood at 15 per cent, higher than any other Belgian province. This high rate has now eased off a little but until 1980, 6,000 young people a year are likely to come on to the labour market.

Some of them attend the excellent technical schools that now teach a wide range of skills such as electromechanical subjects, electronics, econometry, commercial economics and modern languages. Many of them, with greater or lesser skills, will join the thousands who commute daily into Holland, Germany or the Liège region.

For some years neither men nor women will find enough opportunities at home though new industries are growing fast, especially in nine chosen zones where the Government gives maximum aid to suitable firms. Ford of Cologne employs 11,000 men assembling cars at a huge plant near the Albert Canal—which is being deepened for barges up to 9,000 tons. Other multinational firms include Philips, Siemens and Bekaert.

International motorways link the province with Maastricht, Eindhoven and Aachen, as well as Brussels, Antwerp and Liège. Limburg has become aware that it is well placed in Europe. Now, it is by no means a backwater. Indeed if industrialization continues at its present speed the province may well need the natural parks it has already wisely reserved. But the success of its intelligent planning inevitably hangs on economic factors outside its control.

West Flanders: youth eager for change

West Flanders is better known for its wide, sandy beaches and for the beauty of Bruges than for its industrial potential. But do not be deceived by the placid charms of the Minnewater or the cud-chewing cows on the flat landscape. The province is on the move, with almost half of its million inhabitants aged under 30 and eager for change.

The province lies a little outside the golden triangle formed by Antwerp, Gent and Brussels, and has not quite shared the enormous rise in prosperity that its neighbours have enjoyed since the early 1960s. Farming lingered as the main occupation, especially in the area of the old battlefields—Ypres (Ieper), Menen, Passendale—known locally as the Westhoek.

Many of the Westhoek people work across the frontier in France, though the numbers have shrunk and they go more unwillingly since the French franc has lost value. Thousands more commute to Antwerp, Gent or Brussels, adding up to three hours of travelling time to each working day. The Westhoek in particular has not offered enough incentives for men to develop and use high skills. Women have trouble finding even unskilled jobs in their home districts and are unwilling to travel long distances.

The picture is by no means all bad. West Flanders has its own golden trio of towns: Bruges, Kortrijk (Courtrai) and Roeselare, all of which are prospering. Indeed if you cross the frontier to Kortrijk from Lille, the contrast between the neat Flemish houses and the grimness of Tourcoing and Roubaix makes it hard to see that West Flanders lacks for anything. None the less by 1970 the average net income stood at 42,900 Belgian francs per capita compared with the national average of 47,300. The province has a notably low strike record, but there was a good deal of discontent at the low share of the fat national cake.

Britain's entry into the European Economic Community gave West Flanders hopes of being geographically well placed. The province plans to build a new coastal motorway to link with Calais and the future Channel Tunnel. But without waiting for the tunnel or for Britain, other schemes were started. The Government has created new industrial estates eligible for maximum development aid at Ieper, Menen, Poperinge, Veurne (Furnes), Diksmuide, Ostende and Tielt, all except Tielt lying in the Westhoek. These towns lie in areas of high population density, with few local opportunities.

The incentives are generous. They may take the form of interest-free or reduced-interest loans, capital grants, exemption from property taxes and registration tax, and accelerated depreciation allowances. There are premiums for the creation of new jobs, and other aid for investments that contribute towards the extension, restructuring or modernization of existing firms, as well as interest-free advances for new products, new manufacturing processes, and research.

Other regions of Belgium which got off to an earlier start in attracting foreign capital find their efforts give haphazard results which may not best correspond to local need. The West Flemish Economic Council works closely with local authorities to rationalize development schemes. Together they can buy and equip land, and make it available to users by sale or rent.

They are mostly after labour-intensive firms, especially those which are likely to expand. So far they have succeeded in attracting what they want, though they hope for much more. At Ieper the Klippan division of Allied Chemicals has set up a plant to manufacture car safety belts and Autonoom, a Dutch firm, makes jams there. Tielt is building a new Erta-plastics factory, Setcraft makes wooden chair frames and Imperial Tufting is to produce good quality tufted carpets on the new Tielt industrial estate. Daikin-Europe of Japan is already producing air-conditioning equipment at Ostende. Britain's Hexagon Machines make vehicle-washing equipment at Veurne, and Westimex processes potato crisps in the same town. Otherwise most British interest so far has been in property development round Ostende and Bruges.

The main square and belfry at Kortrijk, one of the golden trio of prosperous towns in West Flanders.

The province wants diversified industry, but the main branches of employment remain traditionally textiles, metalworking, clothing, wood (mostly furniture) and food. Leather shoemaking was a traditional craft but is now on the decline. The industry was in the hands of small family firms which could not keep up with outside competition in changing fashions. To some extent the shoe trade survives by importing.

The much bigger textile industry was also stagnating and in some areas regressing. But it is making determined efforts to reinvent, as in Tielt. Kortrijk has been a home of textiles since medieval days and there is still a strong concentration there. The town has great assets as a growth centre, as it is well placed near the E3 motorway. Its huge new shopping centre on the outskirts at Heule Kuurne has bright lights, music and fountains.

Roeselare, only 20 kilometres away, is the third industrial town and like Kortrijk has medium-size traditional industries that are now developing fast. Textiles are important but the town is a centre for food processing, including cattle fodder. Roeselare, Kortrijk and Bruges all have new industrial zones. Though they do not qualify for maximum government aid, they benefit from the move to foster reconversion and development of Belgium's own firms. Most of the new plant in these three zones is Belgian.

Some foreign firms came earlier. Most were American, and they include Bekaert Mattress Ticking; H. D. Lee of Belgium, for clothing; and Outboard Marine Belgium, which also produces lawnmowers. But much still remains to be done.

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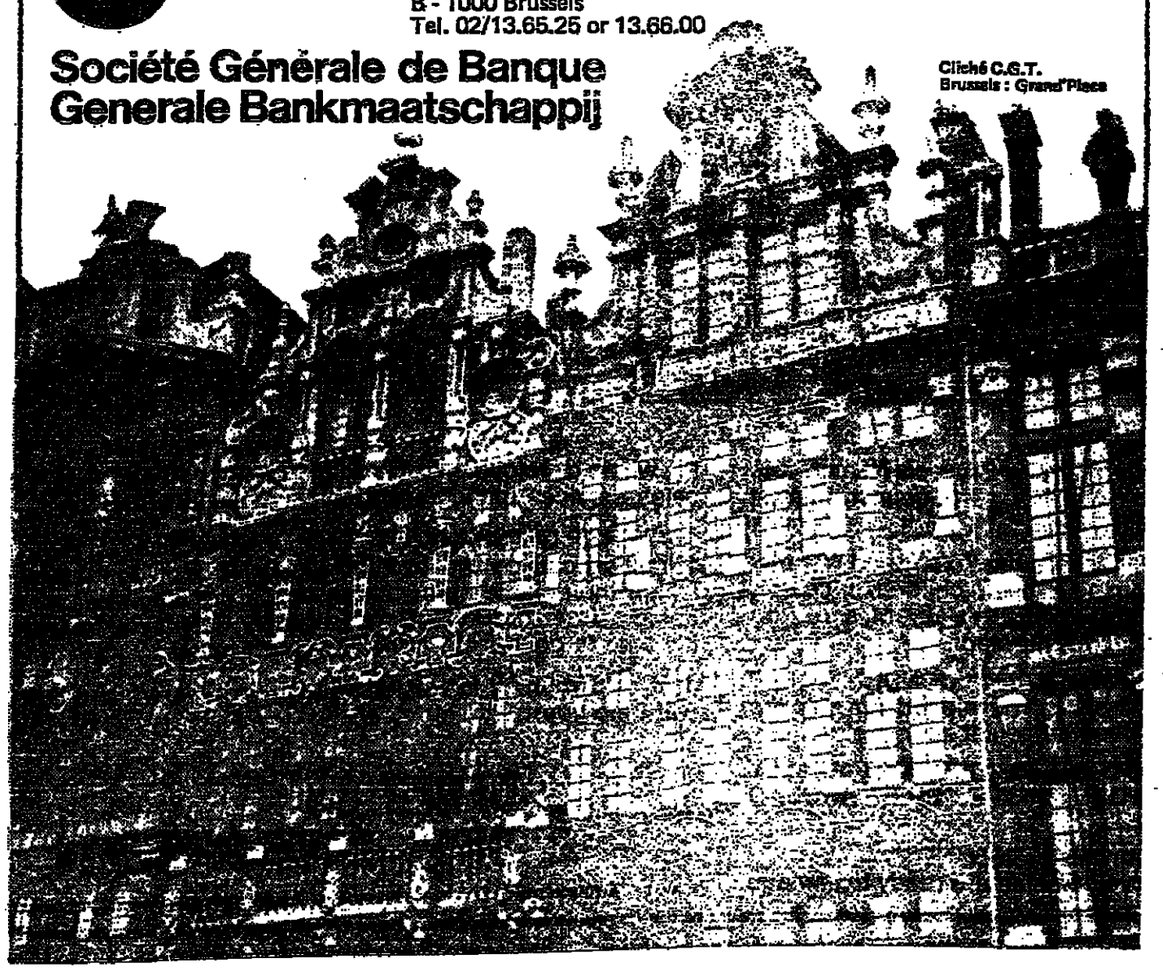

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Threat of schools' war is in the air again

Margot Lyon

e Belgian schools question used bloody riots in the 50s until a schools pact t an end to the conflict in 58. The pact is still in ce. Its official renewal is erdue but argument over e terms of a new pact has lamed some of the old ssions and was one of the isons for the Government's premature downfall t January.

Inevitably the language estion is part of the uble but at the heart of e matter lies the rivalry tween the state and the werful but vulnerable man Catholic schools. aditionally there have en more Catholic than lay ools at every level in lgium—primary, secondy, teachers' training and chnical.

Belgian law gives parents edom to choose whether ey want a religious or lay ucation for their children d most have always opted the Catholic schools. nsequently these schools have been subsidized from state funds—to a degree that ther French Catholic neighbours admire and envy. But in return for funds the state demanded the right to interfere to a degree unacceptable to Catholics. Each side has always been intensely jealous of the other's rights and privileges. The threat of a "schools' war" is in the air again.

The 1958 peace treaty was a complicated patchwork that broadly aimed to equalize support at all levels of education to church and non-church schools, the two networks remaining separate but being organized and financed along almost identical lines. All schooling was to be free up to the age of 18 and all teachers were to be paid the same rates.

The state was required to ensure that a school of the parents' choice existed for all children within a radius of roughly five kilometres from their home. The state was also to provide its own school buildings but not those for Catholic children. This was not so unfair as it sounds, since a wide network of Catholic schools already existed. Most Catholic teachers were members of religious orders whose salaries were mostly ploughed back into the funds of the order and used to provide buildings and amenities often superior to those at state schools.

The pact achieved social peace, though it was expensive. It led to a proliferation of schools, especially new state schools. It also became an instrument of the language war, since every school had to teach solely in the language of its region. If it did not, it received no subsidies and its pupils' diplomas were not recognized even if the school followed the correct programme.

The other national tongue could be taught as a foreign language from the fifth year of primary school, about the age of 16. In Flanders this choice is almost unanimously in favour of French, while in Wallonia many parents prefer English or German for their children. The young French-speakers lose, however, if they want top administrative jobs in Belgium, as increasingly these go to bilingual candidates.

Apart from the language question, there are other complexities. The nine provinces of Belgium and all the towns also have the right to provide schools at any level, with money from provincial taxes or local rates, and a state subsidy. They too are jealous of their autonomy and privileges. Their schools are officially neutral but are in fact Catholic in strongly Catholic areas.

Indeed the strands of Belgian education—Catholic or "free", state or "official", provincial or communal—meant that the 1958 pact led in practice to an enormously involved and expensive structure plagued by duplication, overlapping and lumbering clumsy administration. Into the bargain Brussels has become an important special case as the French-speakers of the city have overflowed into the surrounding Flemish communes and have demanded French-language schools for their children.

The system, though complex, is not fluid. It is hard for a child educated in Catholic schools to the age of 18 to cross the boundary into a state university, and vice versa. As a critic wrote recently in the Brussels *Le Soir*, it gives each teacher an ideological label for life, according to the diploma he got locally when he was 20. The danger has grown of the country dividing itself and its youth into two ideological camps.

Largely for this reason, the idea of pluralist schools giving both Catholic and lay education under one roof is now being aired, mainly by socialists and a minority of left-wing Catholics. "It is a hope of finding each other beyond our divisions", a Louvain professor told me. "It would stop the present inbreeding." It would also rationalize expenditure, but it is seen as a socialist attempt to absorb the Catholic school system and a number of Catholic organizations have come out against the idea, firmly rejecting, in the words of the Confederation of Parents' Associations, "all manoeuvres to impose a form of single school from above".

However, the Government is committed to modernizing the pact. Over the years the picture has changed. The teaching orders have almost disappeared so that Catholic schools are staffed by laymen and women who take home their full pay. Last year the state allowed Catholic schools to float building loans backed by government guarantees at 1.25 per cent interest, with the rest made up by the state.

There are other major grievances such as the lack of funds for non-teaching staff in Catholic schools. In addition the numbers of children in these schools are falling as Catholic parents have fewer children. As the subsidies are given for each child, this cuts down the schools' resources and leads to unseemly canvassing for recruits.

Left-wingers were disappointed that the pluralist idea made no progress in the recent elections. The Socialists are now in opposition, and the present coalition led by Mr Leo Tindemans, the Flemish Catholic Premier, is a minority Government, probably too insecure to risk bringing up inflammatory issues.

The danger is the school issue might arise just the same because of its intrinsic importance. In the past, governments have bought their way out of social troubles. This time there is less money to spare, but the attractions of economizing and reconciling through pluralism may be a mirage.

Feminist movement gains growing support

The Napoleonic code that made millions of women on the Continent chattels of their menfolk still leaves its traces in Belgium, though it has evolved there as in other European countries. Two other influences have also prevented women from gaining full equality: the conservatism of the Roman Catholic Church and the fact that most Belgian women did not ask for more.

Only a small minority complained of injustice. But in the past few years a movement has grown—most of it spontaneous and uncoordinated—that is intent on making women realize they are underprivileged.

Women in Belgium are increasingly exercising their civil rights.

The European Commission agrees that in the economic sector they are—but not more than most other European working women. Article 119 of the Rome Treaty pledges equal pay for equal work, but the Commission acknowledges that job equality is a long way off.

A recent report prepared for the EEC by Professor Eliane Vogel of Brussels University shows that the typical Belgian working woman is young and married with two children, and is employed in industry or in a service job at a comparatively simple task. Two women out of three have had no technical training and the third, who has, is probably in a post below her qualifications.

Differentials in wages exist, mostly because jobs are classified unfavourably for women. But only a small percentage of women feel less well treated than men workers. What they care about is a job near home, with day nurseries and reasonable working conditions. They usually work to help raise the family's living standards, and seem satisfied if they can combine their household duties reasonably with their jobs. Employers point out that though women usually work conscientiously they are essentially unambitious and uninterested in what they are doing.

On the other hand 3,000 women workers at a munitions factory near Herstal held out for more than seven weeks two years ago, and established a landmark in the cause of equal pay. Women activists now say the trouble starts in schools where girls and boys are usually segregated, especially in the Roman Catholic schools. Belgium has some of the world's finest technical schools for top jobs in industry, but you do not see girl students in them.

A report of the National Federation of Catholic Technical Schools admitted recently that training for girls was often too much oriented to traditional tasks such as sewing and household management, with too little contact with industry and too few qualified teachers to teach girls new and appropriate skills.

Many of the Catholic schools are now making great efforts to adapt, but the church's traditional view of woman's role has been one of the favourite targets of the women activists. In November, 1972, Germaine Greer and Simone de Beauvoir led a great women's rally in Brussels, in which they deplored the country's unenlightened Catholic establishment. The Roman Catholic Church in Belgium is far less criticized from within than Dutch or French Catholicism, but Louvain University, for example, and the Christian Social Party are now thinking a great deal about social problems, including the woman question.

Inevitably abortion has become one of the most controversial issues. As the law stands therapeutic abortions are permitted only rarely, and abortion is otherwise a crime, for which a doctor risks up to 10 years in prison or 20 years' hard labour. Under legislation "to protect public morality" the authorities have wide and loosely defined powers which they have used to discourage information on family planning, and the sale of the pill (used only by seven out of every 100 Belgian women), as well as other forms of contraceptive.

For some time doctors who performed abortions without making cash profits enjoyed the indulgence of the courts. Yet in January last year Dr Willy Peers of Namur was arrested for doing abortions, though he is an eminent and elderly obstetrician. The event quickly led to a crusade for his release and for reform of the abortion law.

This cause célèbre aroused passions which have smouldered since then, and were an acute embarrassment to the Government which fell last January. By that time Parliament was studying two Bills for liberalization of the law, presented by a Socialist and a Communist respectively, and a scheme proposed by Mr Vanderpoorten, the Minister of Justice, which the Social Christian Party considered too liberal and the Socialists found insufficient.

For the first time women voters in the Christian Social Party spoke out on the issue, asking for more consideration for women seeking abortion—and for the final decision to be left in the woman's hands. The party officially campaigned against reform in favour of "respect for life" while the Socialist slogan was "a wanted child is a happy child", and the Liberals said much the same.

Women form 53 per cent of the Belgian electorate, but the abortion question did not mark voting patterns because, as a young militant told me, "there is no progressive party in Belgium, but a progressive current in all parties". In general Socialism is seen as dragging its feet over most women's causes while the Christian Social Party is becoming more involved, and somewhat more open-minded.

However, the new crusader for women to appear on the scene was the Parti Féministe Unifié which presented itself for the first time. It was founded by four women of different backgrounds, one or them, Claire Jourdain, a Catholic mother of six. She stood for Brussels, but did not get elected, which was not surprising as the party had no funds, no radio or television time, and not much help from men. It campaigned only for women's causes, from equal pay to reform of the marriage laws. It urged women who preferred to continue in the traditional parties at least to vote for a woman on Belgium's long party lists.

The elections are over, but the ferment is likely to continue. Women's movement groups are appearing all the time, especially among younger married women—or working women who are tired of lukewarm support from the trade unions. The groups fall roughly into two categories. There are those who want women to share in men's power in society through better training, opportunities, pay and freedom to plan their families. Others believe that women's struggle is against oppressors and therefore part of the class struggle. They are preparing for the radical cultural transformation of society—possibly even to take over power from men, or to do without them. The different strands do not coincide, especially in the future revolution, but they are not opposed.

Finally, something new and different is Informemmes, which has no political or philosophical aims but in its first year has helped more than 14,000 distressed women on questions such as divorce, housing, pregnancy and adoption. It wants to tell Belgian women of their rights—that the pill, for instance, is legally on sale.

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Young diplomat drew life from Spaak

by Roger Berthoud

In the Foreign Ministries of the EEC Nine there is, to my knowledge, no single official with quite the same degree of influence and ubiquity as the Vicomte Etienne Devignon, Director-General for Political Affairs at the Belgian Foreign Ministry.

Stevie Davignon, as he is known to his many friends, is no *éminence grise*. That would suggest old age and a preference for the background, which is wholly alien to him. Davignon is still young—only 42 next October. His place is in the centre of the European stage, and he enjoys it.

Indeed, whether he is taking the chair at a meeting of the "Davignon" Committee, composed of political directors of the Nine, or playing chairman and host to the energy group sired by the Washington energy conference in February, it is the relish which he brings to the task that strikes his colleagues. As one remarked: "He is the Eddie Merckx of international diplomacy" [a reference to Belgium's world cycling champion]: a round peg in a round hole.

It is no doubt fortuitous that Belgium was in the chair of the EEC Council of Ministers after the 1969 summit conference at The Hague had called for a report on the first steps that should be taken towards political cooperation in the European Community. The task therefore fell to him.

But it is certainly not fortuitous that the recommendations of the resulting Davignon report have proved so eminently sensible and politically realistic. Common sense was one of the characteristics Davignon admired most in the lodestar of his professional life—the late Foreign Minister of Belgium and European founding father, Paul-Henri Spaak.

Without Spaak's influence the young Davignon would almost certainly not have remained a diplomat. Although his grandfather had been Belgium's Foreign Minister between 1909 and 1915, and his father ended a distinguished diplomatic career as Ambassador in Berlin from 1936 to 1940, Etienne Davignon felt that the days of genuine diplomacy were nearly over.

But to please his father, of whom he was very fond, the young law graduate of Louvain University, who had been born in Budapest and brought up in Poland, Germany and Switzerland as well as Belgium, agreed to do a trial stint in the Foreign Ministry.

He was soon assigned to keep an eye on the Belgian Congo, then basically covered by the now defunct Colonial Ministry. Shortly afterwards began the precipitate negotiations for Congolese independence. Davignon inevitably became involved. He happened to be in the Congo when independence was granted in 1960. A few days later chaos broke loose. The already indispensable young diplomat stayed on, and found himself working with Robert Rothschild, then deputy head of mission in Léopoldville, now ambassador in London.

When Rothschild subsequently became *Chef de Cabinet* to Spaak he called in Davignon as a specialist on Congolese problems. Less than three years later Davignon had risen to be head of the Minister's private office at the age of 32. When Spaak left Belgian politics in 1965 he adapted himself smoothly to the very different style of Pierre Harmel. In 1969 he took over as head of the political affairs department, with the rank of ambassador.

To anyone talking to him now it is clear that working for Spaak was the crucial period in his adult life. It was, he says, an extraordinary experience. There was a great deal of affection between the statesman and his amusing as well as brilliant young aide, whose eye for the essential and gift for crisply summing up a complicated situation saved so much tedious paperwork.

Davignon speaks eloquently still of Spaak's remarkable combination of skill, patience and common sense. "He was a man of extraordinary common sense, never interested in something purely optical nor in grand statements. Any decision had to bring you closer to your objectives. He was very practical. That was why the Treaty of Rome happened" (Spaak was the driving force behind the drafting committee).

Spaak believed that European unity had to start with something practical which made a clear difference to life. Davignon believes that the European Community achieved this by greatly raising prosperity and increasing the consumer's choice in a tariff-free zone. The expectation of the EEC's founding fathers was that moves towards political unity would be a natural consequence of this economic integration.

What no one expected was that General de Gaulle would come back to power, putting development towards political unity effectively into the freezer. The British changed their minds and tried to come in, but the general blocked them.

Vicomte Etienne Davignon, the Director-General for Political Affairs at the Belgian Foreign Ministry.

"This was the explanation of the formidable antagonism between de Gaulle and Spaak", Davignon recalled. "Spaak saw him taking the EEC out of the line he had hoped for." Progress had to be made somewhere to stop the whole machine grinding to a halt; the technical aspects of the EEC were the only area where forward movement was possible. "Spaak saw that it would be very difficult to come back to things which would return Europe to public interest."

The situation is now to some extent reversed: there is a possibility of the Community itself being endangered by protectionist trade measures on the Italian model and of the emphasis switching to political cooperation. Because the interests of the smaller countries are likely to go to the wall in inter-governmental contacts, countries such as Belgium and Holland are passionate defenders of the EEC's institutions. Only when decisions are taken in an institutional forum do the small countries which lack power have rules to protect them. The danger, Davignon says, is not that the big countries will gang up on the small ones but that their own disagreements will paralyse the Community.

Davignon sees no possibility of real political cooperation without economic and commercial ties. It is indeed the strength of the EEC as a unified market of 250 million consumers that gives it what little political weight it has in the world at present. Political cooperation must be firmly rooted in the economic benefits derived from EEC membership, he believes. "You can alter the priorities, but there is no alternative to the basis."

He sees no need for a political secretariat at the present stage of political cooperation. The need will come, he thinks, when a single representative of the Nine is acting for the others on the basis of a coherent policy. That day is not imminent. But meanwhile cooperation is working very well in such forums as the Geneva conference on security and cooperation in Europe—thanks in good measure to the sound recommendations of the Davignon report.

Woman writer is most gifted in French school

by Marnix Gijsen

The fast-changing aspects of social life in the past 50 years have had a deep influence on writing in Flanders. The perennial fascination with rural life that hampered the growth of Flemish letters until 1920 has been replaced by a more European and cosmopolitan view of the world. American influence has been felt in the work of younger writers who succumbed to the lure of Hemingway's cult of the he-man but who profited by his economical style.

The weakness for dialect and localisms disappeared; the margin between Dutch and Flemish literature diminished to the point of being scarcely noticable. The subject matter also changed. The idyllic, sugary or slightly comic picture of life in the villages gave way to the psychological study of middle-class and urban society. On the other hand, the voice of the proletariat became audible. An entirely new element is the reflection of the novelists on Belgium's recent colonial past and responsibility.

Georges Simenon, "the Balzac of our age" and creator of Maigret, has never repudiated his Belgian origins.

The grand old man of the generation born before 1900 is undoubtedly Gerard Walschap (born 1898), the most outstanding writer of his time. His numerous novels liberated Flemish letters from narrow provincialism and made him akin to the best Scandinavian story-tellers. Although the scene of his books is usually located in small towns, the action is essentially centred on man, with sometimes a predilection for slightly abnormal types.

Frankly anti-clerical, he at first created a scandal in Roman Catholic circles which has now completely subsided. *The Roothoofd Family* and *Houtekiet* are his outstanding works. They have aged well for he has a vigorous style and is a master raconteur.

The two great novels of Jef Geeraerts (born 1930), *Gangreen I and II*, as well as several shorter works, are derived from his experiences as a territorial agent in the former Congo. He enjoys physical existence—love and war—with tremendous gusto. His novels are intensely erotic but he avoids vulgarity through a Dionysian lyricism. His torrential style is unique in the Low Countries. To my mind, in Flemish literature, he is a man without par and *facile princeps*.

Johan Daisne (born 1912) and his faithful disciple Hubert Lampo (born 1920) profess magic-realism, a kind of story-telling in which reality may give way to unbridled fantasy and lyrical imagination. Both achieved excellent results in this vein and several of their works were made into successful films.

L. P. Boon (born 1912) expresses the standpoint of the anarchistic proletarian. He is profuse but commiserates with the humblest among men. He has the rare gift of touching the heart of his readers and of inciting them to social indignation if not to revolt.

A good poet, Hugo Claus (born 1929), is also a novelist of note but above all an experimental playwright whose best plays reach a European audience. Although the theatrical production of Jozef Van Hoeck (born 1922) is sparse, it is significant and durable.

Among the younger novelists Ward Ruyslinck (born 1929) dominates the scene. A younger writer of definite promise is Jos Vandeloo (born 1930). Two poets should be mentioned: Karel Jonckheere (born 1906), an elegiac writer of great distinction, and Paul Snoek (born 1933), a delightful literary maverick.

The changing scene has not affected French authors as it did their Flemish confreres. Their tradition was much more urban and intellectual. One hesitates to claim Henry Michaux (born 1899) as a Belgian since he left the country in 1924 and has been completely absorbed by France. No such reticence should apply to Georges Simenon (born 1900), who has never reneged on his national roots. It would be pretentious to sing his merits. He is rightly considered as the Balzac of our age, a Balzac whose domain is the entire world. Any further eulogy would be faint praise.

The grand old lady of French letters in Belgium is the nonagenarian Marie Gevers (born 1883), whose many novels were acclaimed widely in France, Germany and The Netherlands. Among her more or less naturalistic novels, *Madame Orpha* remains a masterpiece.

The most gifted author among French-writing Belgians is Suzanne Lilar (aged about 60). Among her plays *Le Burlador* stands out. She views the eternal seducer Don Juan from the feminine standpoint, with deep understanding and unabashed admiration. It is, however, as an essayist that she acquired a universal reputation.

Her magnum opus is undoubtedly *Le Couple*, a penetrating study of human relationship in which she pleads for the "resacralization" of love. It is a dazzling intellectual and emotional performance. She has written vigorous and superbly intelligent criticism on Sartre and on Simone de Beauvoir. No man in Belgian letters can be called her equal.

Her talented daughter, Françoise Mallet-Joris (aged about 40), has become a member of the Goncourt circle. All her novels appeared in American translation. They deal touchingly with her youth in Antwerp and later with her wider experiences in the Paris intellectual underworld.

A lone wolf in Belgian letters is the banker, Daniel Gillès (born 1917). He has written three remarkable biographies on Tolstoy, Chekhov, and D. H. Lawrence. In this field he is a master craftsman. His novels *Jetons de présence* and *Le coupon 44* deal with economic cooperation during the last war. Other novels refer with nostalgia to his youth in Bruges.

Alexis Curvers (born 1906) is a *cas* apart. He became famous through his novel *Tempo di Roma*, a picaresque travelogue of the eternal city which makes one regret that he is not more productive. The novels of Maud Frère are given a special flavour by a delightful mixture of reality and fantasy.

It is a striking characteristic of French literature in Belgium that most of the significant authors prefer to express themselves through the theatre. The most outstanding and productive is Paul Willems (born 1912), who has acquired an in national audience. His p are timeless, full of deli ful drollery and poe Herman Closson (b 1901), is a gentle iconoc and likes to reduce natic heroes to human proj tions. The best of his wo is *Shakespeare ou la co die de l'aventure*.

Charles Bertin (b 1919), the author of a remarkable novels, is ess tially a playwright, a b dramatist, forceful and r culine. Georges Sion (b 1913), surprised people v his play *La Matr d'Ephèse*, which Coct called "a brilliant sch exercise". In later works has developed his talent. Roger Avermaete (b 1893) we owe a number cynical, ribald farces. J Mogin (born 1921), is m ambitious; in his work, historical tendency to my cism, a permanent elem in Belgian letters, preva His characters are dri and doomed by a relentl and severe need of the al lute.

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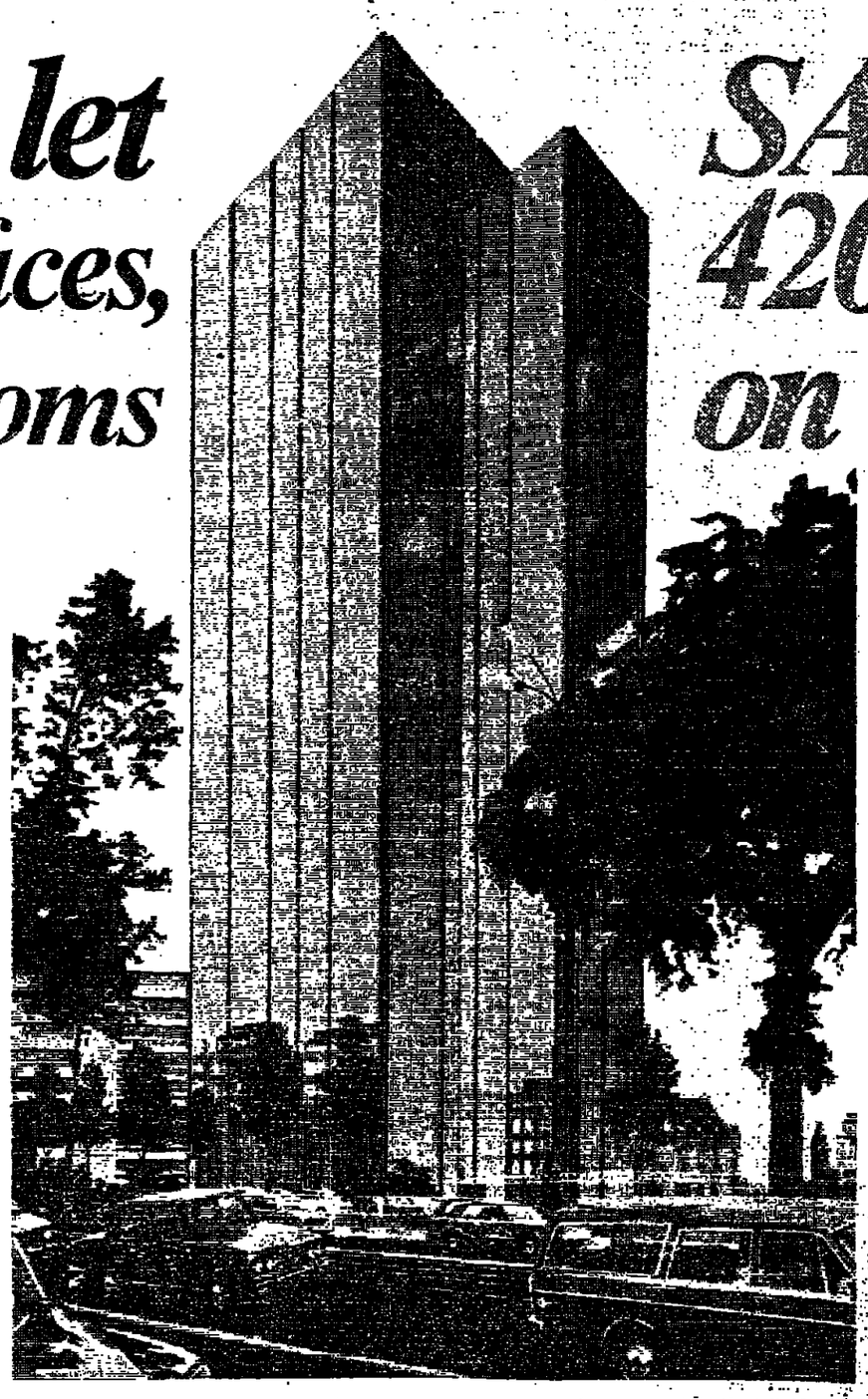

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LOCAL INTERESTS

extremely hard to know just widespread corruption is in l government: the number of inal prosecutions is a measnent not so much of its extent f the police resources which be devoted to dealing with it. there have been enough nt cases, and evidence of ems of corruption, to justify iderable anxiety and to rmine public confidence. confidence will not be red without far more ms and evident safeguards. has become one of the more nt tasks in British public life ose unless action is taken y it will be all too easy for ism and corruption to feed each other. The report of Redcliffe-Maud committee, was published yesterday, s the way without providing prehensive directions.

puts forward a number of able proposals in three par ar areas: tightening the rules nduct, in the broadest sense, members and officials; oving council procedures; strengthening the powers of police in investigation. The mittee would provide more quate guidelines in a variety ays: a national code of con t for all councillors; a com ory register, open to inspec by any elector in the area, he financial interests of coun ors; fuller disclosure ofests at meetings; and rictions both on the private undertaken by local auth y employees and on the ployment they could accept hin two years after their rement. In addition, the use private gain of information eived through membership or ployment in a local authority uld be made a criminal ence, which would be both a ctical deterrent and a strong ication of the importance ached by society to stamping this practice.

Together these measures would much to reduce that grey area ere it is not quite clear, even the person concerned, whether not his behaviour is correct. ere are more cases than is often preciated of people going into al government with the best of otives and then slipping almost perceptibly into corrupt prac es because "everybody does it so there cannot be anything wrong in it". But while it is essential to draw as distinct a line as possible between the proper and the improper, there will still be people who choose quite deliberately to go on the wrong side. How can they be spotted?

The committee suggest that the internal organization of the new authorities under the reorganized system of local government should make it easier to pick out any malpractices, and it makes further proposals for more effective internal monitoring and for the handling of complaints. All that is useful, but no more. The value of such arrangements would depend both upon the willingness of councils to expose their own culprits and upon those culprits leaving the evidence in the record of the council's proceedings. The inexperienced may do so: the more practised will take greater care. That is why more importance should be attached to the strengthening of police powers in investigation. The report suggests that they should be able to examine the financial records of individuals or organizations who are suspected of having a corrupt relationship with anyone in a local authority, but only "on application by the Director of Public Prosecutions to a judge of the High Court . . . on proof of reasonable grounds for suspecting a corrupt act".

This recommendation will no doubt be contentious, as are all proposals for increasing police powers. But his one is justified. To examine the books of whoever is paying the bribe is often the only way of proving corruption. The need is great and the proposed safeguard should be adequate protection against abuse. But the police can in practice only investigate those cases of corruption which are brought to them. The weakness of this report is that while it indicates how councils, their members and employees can better discipline themselves, and how the police can deal better with those cases which are drawn to their notice, it holds out little hope that the police will ever get to hear of many more cases than they do at the moment. That would not matter if one could hope that improved self-discipline would be enough, but to suppose that would be naive.

It was to fill this gap in the public defences against corruption in local government that *The Times* recommended in its evidence to the committee the creation of a local government inspectorate under the control of central government and the implementation of the proposal in the Mallaby report of 1967 on the staffing of local authorities that "mobility of officers between local authorities and other branches of the public sector should be encouraged". The two suggestions are linked. The people who are most often in a position to know, or to have reasonable suspicions, that something is amiss in a particular authority are the senior or middle-rank officials. But it takes great courage, and exceptional self-sacrifice, under present circumstances for a man to speak out in mid career and put his livelihood and the welfare of his family in jeopardy—especially when he is not really sure that his suspicions are justified.

What is required is some independent, authoritative person to whom a local official can confide his anxieties, and through whom these anxieties could if necessary be passed on either for police investigation or for some other form of inquiry. It is also necessary to be able to offer the beleaguered official another opening in his career so that he need not fear victimization by his present masters.

A local government inspectorate and the Mallaby recommendation would together meet those needs, as well as contributing to the more efficient administration of local government. They have not found favour with the Redcliffe-Maud committee. That would not matter if it were offering other persuasive means of filling the gap. But it is not. The report makes it clear that the local ombudsmen will be so hedged round with restrictions that they cannot meet this particular need. Nor is there any reason to suppose that the district auditor will do so in practice, whatever might be suggested in theory. The most that can be expected as a general rule is that he will pick up any hint provided in the council records. Something more will be required before the public can be satisfied that every reasonable precaution has been taken to preserve the integrity of local government.

DISMANTLING AN EMPIRE

e provisional Portuguese ernment has lost no time lemonstrating that it is wholly mitted to dismantling the tuguese empire in Africa and sibly elsewhere. Dr Soares has licly given the assuranc that e will be decolonization "and neo-colonialism". That statent would seem to rule out a si-federal political relation such as General Spinola inally suggested—as sugar, it ns now, to coat the pill of his ertion that the struggle in ica could not be won by mili means.

ederalism is a dirty word in ica, and would certainly be ated by African liberation vements with neo-colonialism. ding with strikers demanding e increases in Beira this week, Antonio de Almeida Santos ured them that they would n be governed by their thers, a phrase that suggests t Lisbon is resigned to an indeident black, and perhaps limo-controlled, government.

Nevertheless, dismantling great pires peacefully is never an y thing to do. The roots of rtugal's presence go deep, and mot be ignored by any new ime however nationalistic. ere is reason to think that the visional government would sitate to scrap plans drawn up lier by the junta on behalf of Armed Forces Movement for orderly transition over a asonable period, and varied in ce to suit local conditions.

In Mozambique the intention is discuss with *Frelimo* an early referendum in which the population would choose between total independence and some—possibly only an economic—association with Portugal. For such a referendum to be held in a way that carries conviction the fighting must cease; and if Frelimo is so confident of a majority vote for independence, it is logical that it should accept a ceasefire and proceed to political action. The first part of the plan (which would invert the British approach) is therefore designed to persuade Frelimo to end the war. The ascertaining of the wishes of the majority, in Portuguese thinking, determines the constitution then to be designed.

The next phase would be the installing of a provisional government, presumably multi-racial, to draft a new constitution and draw up registers for a general election. Dr Santos indicated this week that such a new constitution would not be ready until March, 1975, so that the elections for a representative government would follow some time after that. The elected government would need time to run itself in. (On the later British models of decolonization this would be two to three years.) A fully independent Mozambique (assuming that the referendum would produce a majority for independence) might in Portuguese thinking take up to four years to accomplish. This period would give the black leadership time to consider the value of retaining special links with Portugal. There is a possible model in the evolution of the French community held together by historical, cultural and linguistic links. They would also have time to come to terms with their neighbours, and develop an internal regime that avoids the excesses of black racialism—which a military conquest by Frelimo might not.

The chances are, on British experience, that the timetable would be condensed and the transfer of power less controlled, certainly if the referendum showed Frelimo to be dominant. It would be too long for Guinea. But already as expected the Cape Verde islands will complicate the Guinea talks, soon to open in London. The liberation movement, Paigc, though it calls itself the party for the independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, has little more claim to them than Nigeria would have to St Helena. As the islands have a naval base, Portugal has obligations to Nato that conflict with the tenets of non-aligned pan-Africanism. To get possession of them, Paigc will presumably have at least to agree to an orderly transition, and possibly accept some such solution as was reached by Britain in Cyprus by the reservation of areas of British sovereignty.

The quicker the African leaders agree to talk about these practicalities, and end the shooting wars, the better. It must be hoped that the atmosphere of London, where constitutional conferences have overcome so many problems in the creation of new states in Africa and elsewhere, will be conducive to compromise and the start of new understandings.

udents and free speech

om Professor J. A. Rex

r, I happen to be a signatory of the nited Nations Expert Declaration on e Nature of Race and Race Prejuce. I am deemed undesirable as an abitant or visitor in Rhodesia. I ve spent my life fighting racism ainst the secret police in South rica and in what were formerly itish colonies in Africa.

In Britain I have been in the foreont of the campaign against racial scrimination particularly in the here of the allocation of council using and in recent years I have ken every opportunity available to e in print and on television and dio to speak out against Mr Powell d his like in politics and against hose like Eysenck who have produced academically unconvincing ooks which can be used to support ld-fashioned biologically cased acist theory.

Having said all that and hopefully aving established my credentials as committed and politically active nti-racist, I also feel that it is my luty at this time as an academic eaching in the field of the sociology f race relations to speak out very learly against the suppression of reedom of speech which some of our tudents are seeking to impose on heir unions and sometimes on their lecturers.

Very few of those who are now campaigning for banning speakers have taken any part at all in recent years in the fight against racialist policies and actions and by their recent actions they have given probably much sought after publicity to racists.

For my part I felt as I watched Mr Guinness being screamed down at Portsmouth that the kind of forces of unreason which I opposed in South Africa were now on the other side. There is a nasty sound of marching stormtroopers on some of the campuses today and I believe that if those in positions similar to my own do not speak out clearly universities as centres of enlightenment in an increasingly endarkened world will probably cease to exist.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN REX,
Department of Sociology,
University of Warwick,
Coventry,
Warwickshire.
May 22.

Student grants

From Professor Walter Elkan

Sir, The proposed 25 per cent increase in expenditure on students' maintenance grants will make some students better off, but not all. According to the figures quoted by your Education Correspondent, local education authorities will be paying £200 million a year and parents whose incomes exceed a certain minimum will be expected to contribute £63 million direct to their children. There is, unfortunately, no machinery for ensuring that parents actually do so and there is much evidence that in many cases they do not.

Sometimes this is because they have not really understood that by withholding these contributions they make their children worse off than those from poorer homes who receive the standard maintenance grant in full. Sometimes they feel that they simply cannot afford to, and many students are reluctant to request their parents to pay the contribution when they can see that their parents are not living in the lap of luxury. It puts them in an invidious and embarrassing situation.

The higher grants will, presumably, exacerbate this problem and that lends support to your correspondent Mr Timothy Raison's suggestion (May 16) that students should be able, if they so wish, to supplement their grants by loans on preferential terms. It may well be that it is the students whose grants are supposed to be augmented by their parents who would most eagerly avail themselves of such an opportunity and thus to put themselves on a par with their fellow students from poorer homes who automatically receive the grant in full.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER ELKAN,
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23/26 Old Elvet, Durham.
May 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Treatment of young offenders

From Mrs V. A. Limont

Sir, The principle of "treating" offenders rather than of "punishing" them is desirable, but the recommendation of the Home Secretary's Advisory Council on the Penal System that committal to borstal or detention centre be replaced by an order for custody and control are to be welcomed with caution.

Such theories, introduced without adequate financial resources, could lead to the chaos which now seems to prevail in the treatment of juvenile offenders. In 1969 the Children and Young Persons Act introduced treatment of juveniles by way of the care order and removed the power of the juvenile courts to commit them to approved school.

Unfortunately, successive governments have been unable to provide the buildings and the social workers required to make the scheme effective and as a result it is falling into disrepute, and juveniles remain at home awaiting assessment for many weeks after their court appearance, before treatment can begin. If this situation were to occur in the case of all adults under 21 who would otherwise have received custodial sentence, surely the consequences would be grave.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE LIMONT,
43 Grangeside,
Liverpool.

From Mr Nicholas Hinton

Sir, The Advisory Council on the Penal System's Report on Young Adult Offenders and Mr Jenkins's first speech on penal matters since he returned to the Home Office are two major pronouncements which markedly reinforce the policy of the Home Office to cut the prison population by providing more non-custodial methods. Predictably and understandably the probation service expresses concern.

During the last 10 years the service has had to extend its work load out of all recognition. To their traditional probation duties have been added prison after-care, prison welfare, parole, matrimonial work, and responsibility for alternatives to custody such as community service, day training centres and probation hostels.

If the Young Adult Offenders Report is implemented different and additional duties will fall to the service, and the implications of Mr Jenkins's speech would give probation officers the responsibility not only for a massive increase in non-custodial facilities, but also for gaining the cooperation and understanding of a frequently intolerant community.

If the probation service is to be the agency which is to carry these vast and varied duties, it is essential that the service should have access to a far wider range of resources than is now possible. Accommodation from hostels to permanent flats, employment facilities, remedial and educational opportunities, are among the resources that would become necessary on a country-wide basis.

To achieve this the probation service needs, as a matter of some urgency, to be given new and far broader terms of reference—perhaps within the overall context of an agency concerned with the prevention of crime. The success of such an agency will depend ultimately on its links with the community which underlines the importance of including local and national voluntary organizations in the movement towards extending alternatives to prison.

Failure to generate the community's support and failure to provide a broad enough context for the work of a renewed probation service can only lead to the backlash of an increase in the prison population at a social and financial cost we cannot afford.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director, National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders,
125 Kennington Park Road, SE11.

Salary levels: a spurious equality

From Mr John E. M. Moore, Conservative MP for Croydon Central

Sir, The politics of envy are destroying our country. The economic nonsense of Mr Grimond (May 20) and his egalitarian fellow travellers will beggar us all.

A man does not "earn" £34,000 a year. He pays £21,771.81 to his fellow citizens in taxes. A man "earning" £2,000 a year pays £233.31 in taxes to his fellow citizens.

What sort of society pillories the former while pandering to the latter? A society which may be losing its reason while finding instead emotional satisfaction in its rapid decline into poverty; satisfaction because that poverty is accompanied by a spurious sense of equality.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. M. MOORE,
House of Commons.
May 23.

From Mr Anthony Hunt

Sir, The arguments advanced by your correspondents in the debate on salaries and national wealth demonstrate highly developed skills in advocacy and an under-nourished sense of natural justice.

Complex economic arguments should not be used to mask one fundamental fact: there are groups of people in our society who are inadequately housed, clothed and fed. There are others who seem to be demanding too large a share of the world's goods and services. Who really will pay £1,050 for a pair of silver decanters (page 9 of yesterday's *Times*)? What is the take-home pay of a nurse or a bus driver?

This juxtaposition may be taken by many as a cue for further economic sophistry: but then it took an innocent to realize that the emperor was not wearing any clothes.

Yours, etc,
ANTHONY HUNT,
45 Vernon Avenue,
Woodingdean,
Brighton, Sussex.
May 22.

From Mr I. H. Maxwell

Sir, As one who shares the views expressed by Mr Grimond, I would say that I have never thought that a reduction in top salaries would do much to improve the lot of the lower paid. Nor, I am sure, does Mr Grimond. Those who, like Mr Withers (May 22), object to the proposition on this ground miss the point of the argument.

The problem is one of appearance rather than substance. It is not in itself very harmful that a small minority should enjoy largely undeserved advantages in pay and kind while the majority is limited to the less fruitful products of its own direct exertions. The harm arises when the discrepancies begin to jeopardize the goodwill of the majority, by which we are all of us sustained.

So obvious have these discrepancies now become that it is unrealistic to suppose that our society and economy can be unaffected by them. Particularly is this so at a time when many of the lower paid are experiencing great financial hardship and the real merits of the work of not a few people are conspicuously under-rewarded. It follows that measures to reduce financial inequalities, starting at the top, are likely to be of use simply for the impression they will create; not for the resources they will release.

It is often argued against this proposition that incentives will suffer and talent will be lost to emigration. I do not agree. I have never seen any evidence that excess of reward is a necessary incentive for doing any job. As to talent, that is one commodity which is not in short supply in Britain. It merely waits for the right conditions in which to reveal itself. The few who may go would be easily replaced; most especially so if the organization of industry and the structure of company law were changed in order to ensure that both workers and management were recruited from the same sources.

I believe, in fact, that only in this latter way are we likely in this country to get management which will solve the great problems mentioned by your correspondent, Mr Dore, in his letter (May 22), and thus truly merit the take-home pay it may receive.

Yours faithfully,
I. H. Maxwell,
1 New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
May 22.

From Mr G. Teeling-Smith

Sir, Jo Grimond's letter and the replies to it have exposed an underlying danger which is becoming increasingly worrying in Britain. This is the general acceptance that goods or services sold in the market place can in some meaningful way be "worth" something different from what is actually paid for them.

Within the Health Service, some welfare economists have recently been arguing in favour of a concept known as "shadow pricing". Because of their scarcity, we were told at a recent symposium, neurosurgeons' time should be "shadow priced" at three or four times what they were actually paid in order to arrive at a "correct" economic cost for the operations which they performed. What these economists had failed to recognize was that, because skilled labour is an international commodity, many potential NHS neurosurgeons had voted with their feet in favour of a situation where their value was recognized in terms of real earnings rather than imaginary "shadow prices". The same could quickly happen for British industry if we delude ourselves that talented managers should work for love rather than money.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE TEELING-SMITH,
Director, Office of Health Economics,
162 Regent Street, W1.
May 22.

Law on euthanasia

From Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham West

Sir, Mr Muggeridge's eccentric conviction that a majority Labour government would herald a change in the law on euthanasia seems to be based, apart from a subtextual fragment of an interview in Canada with Mr Wilson, on a profound misunderstanding of the events which led to the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967. I wonder whether one who sat through all the stages of the abortion Bill might be allowed to offer a less paranoid and more plausible account of those events which I hope may set Mr Muggeridge's fears at rest.

The Act was not passed because the government wished to "appease its clamant abortionist supporters". It was passed because the Commons had, for a unique and brief two years, a Leader of the House in the late Richard Crossman, who was convinced that parliamentary representative democracy should be allowed to operate on the dominant questions of the day and succeeded in persuading the Cabinet of this conviction. It is against democracy rather than abortionists that Mr Muggeridge should be complaining.

Many of those who worked for the Act were moved by a desire to introduce some equity as between men (who took the decisions) and women (who were forced to acquiesce in them); and between the rich (who had freedom of action) and the poor (who had none). These arguments do not apply to euthanasia. The reform in the abortion law was the result of 30 years of sustained parliamentary pressure from men and women of all parties; there has been no similar campaign on euthanasia and support for any action in Parliament is minuscule.

It is true that the Abortion Act has had the effect of uncovering some chronic and distasteful facts of life—in particular the extreme venality of a few highly respected members of the medical profession. There is a Bill to tighten up these abuses before the House at the moment. But there is no justification for their use as part of a scare campaign against the Labour Party. Whether the Muggeridge scare is a figment of his own, or others' imagination, it is a highly irresponsible one and lacks any basis of fact.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER PRICE,
House of Commons.
May 18.

Effect of British policies in Ulster

From the Reverend R. T. Beckwith

Sir, As the situation in Ireland daily grows worse, and civil war gets perceptibly nearer, the events there seem to be viewed by most politicians in England with pained surprise, if not with angry impatience. Surely the majority in Ireland wants peace? they ask. Surely people there can appreciate the restraint and impartiality with which Britain has behaved, and the improvements which its policy has brought about? Why, then, are they still dissatisfied?

As one who has had to pay repeated though brief visits to Ireland of recent years, and has had the opportunity of talking each time with moderate Protestants in the Church of Ireland, I find myself much better able to understand the feelings of the Protestant majority in Ulster than I was before. I write as a mere Englishman, who is beginning to understand. But understanding is surely what is most needed in the present situation. So long as those at Westminster view events in Ireland with incomprehension, they will make one disastrous miscalculation after another.

When the age-old Irish problem first regained the attention of Parliament and the press in recent years, it was through the Civil Rights movement that it did so. The shape of the problem appeared to be the wrongs (real and alleged) of the Catholic minority. Every minority suffers wrongs, as minorities in England (and Eire) know only too well; but the English have an amiable sympathy with the underdog, and it is, of course, always easier to sympathize with someone else's underdog than with one's own.

It does not seem that Parliament has ever progressed beyond seeing the problem as they first saw it, as the need to right the wrongs of the minority. The political links of the Conservative Party with the predominantly Catholic EEC, and of the Labour Party with the Catholic SDLP, may have helped to prevent such progress.

Even when it became clear that the Civil Rights movement was serving as a stalking-horse for the IRA, government attitudes did not alter. Right the wrongs of the minority, it was thought, and then the IRA will cease to get the aid and comfort from them without which it cannot continue.

The process of righting wrongs was carried to lengths which no one before would have dreamed possible. The most exacting legislation against discrimination was required of Stormont, and rapidly began to be implemented. Not only so, but Stormont itself was abolished, and was not re-established before it had been shorn of most of its powers.

In the meantime direct rule was introduced, on the assumption (already losing its plausibility) that Westminster knows best. The B Specials were disbanded, because they were suspected of not being impartial, and the regular police were disarmed, lest they should be tempted to follow suit (they have, of course, had to be re-armed since). Their duties of keeping the IRA in check were transferred to the British Army, with orders to try to avoid any action which the minority might resent. Even so, the hostility and accusations previously directed at the B Specials and RUC were promptly transferred to the soldiers.

Add to this that in its concern to right the wrongs of the minority the British Government applied to Ulster the most glaring double standards. While other regions of Britain were moving towards a greater measure of self-government, Ulster was moving in the opposite direction. While proportional representation was being resisted in England as a mistaken idea, it was imposed on Ulster. While a referendum about joining the EEC was being resisted as unconstitutional, a referendum about joining Ulster to Eire was actually held. While majority rule was being treated as an immovable principle in the case of Rhodesia, majority rule in Ulster was replaced by power-sharing.

And what has been the result? The IRA is more powerful than it has ever been before. It has demonstrated that under present policy it can carry out murder and destruction at will, and its total achievements have reached enormous figures. While enduring this for five long years, the Protestant majority has been subjected by Westminster to every kind of indignity, and has not even been given the proper protection which it previously provided for itself.

The Unionist Party has been split down the middle by government policy. Mr Faulkner, Ulster's most able politician, has been forced into inconsistency and a choice between evils, and has ended up by losing almost all his popular support. And in this situation the British Government talks about pushing on with the establishment of closer links between the Ulster Assembly and the Dublin Government, which to this very day has shrunk from taking any effective action against the IRA whatever.

Is it amazing if the Protestant majority feel as if they are under siege conditions? Is it amazing if the wilder element among them, previously held in check, have started taking the law into their own hands and doing foolish and wicked things? Is it amazing if they have the passive sympathy of the population, pushed as it is almost to the point of desperation? These things could never have happened but for the Government's kid-glove policy towards the IRA (the result of its original one-sided reading of the situation), and might even now fade away automatically if that policy were reversed.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. BECKWITH, Warden,
Latimer House,
131 Banbury Road, Oxford.

Stately homes and tax on wealth

From Mr Denys E. Bower

Sir, The Duke of Bedford's letter (May 20) regarding the possible plight of stately home owners should be brought home to the politicians before it is too late.

It has been a long established practice where certain family treasures important to the house are exempt from death duties. I recall to mind in a Derbyshire home, not open to the public, where a fine set of Morland coloured stipple engravings, bought when published, plus several fine Wright of Derby landscapes, bought from the artist, were thus exempt.

If a later sale were made these would be liable to duty. I believe this practice still continues, and some such exemption should be worked out if the wealth tax comes into force.

This, I venture to suggest, should include important acquisitions and collections made during the lifetime of the present owners and in fact all the contents displayed to the public. Special care will have to be taken in the matter of who decides what shall be exempt.

Few stately home owners, I fear, would like the local Inspector of Taxes to decide, who generally has a long rug of war with the owners as to what shall be allowed for repairs and maintenance, in these days so cripplingly heavy.

The point about the popularity of stately homes and their nearly 50 million foreign visitors each year is not the fees which owners pocket from them but the vast sums visitors spend on their tours here. If the stately homes in this country are to be broken up by a wealth tax then large numbers of foreign visitors will not come at all, and this country will be passed over for France with its Châteaux de Loire and German castles of the Rhine, etc, and countless millions of pounds of foreign currency lost.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DENYS E. BOWER,
Chiddingstone Castle,
Near Edenbridge, Kent.

Iran and human rights

From Sir Osmond Williams

Sir, Laudable as many contributions to your Human Rights Supplement in the issue of *The Times* of May 21 undoubtedly are, and grateful as Amnesty International is to the references to it which some of them contain, the anomaly of the choice of venue for the Congress has, one must infer, escaped both the International Advertising Association and some, though not all, of those whose articles you publish.

Iran, the host country to the Congress, whose advertisements comprise 50 per cent of your Supplement, has, in Amnesty International's view, a record of denial of freedom of expression, political imprisonment without fair trial, torture and judicial execution (225 in two years) surpassed by only few of the signatories to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If it is the aim of the IAA to "contribute constructively to solving some of the problems plaguing the world today" it is hoped by Amnesty International that it will not miss the opportunity, which its Congress affords, of enquiring closely into the veracity of the claims for "long-standing love and affection for humanity" which Iran, through Princess Ashraf, protests to The Times. Otherwise; the occasion will surely be open to the charge of hypocrisy?

Yours faithfully,
OSMOND WILLIAMS, Acting Chairman, British Section Amnesty International,
55 Theobald's Road, WC1.

Raids into Lebanon

From the Israeli Ambassador

Sir, Referring to your Beirut Correspondent's report (*The Times*, May 20) on Arab allegations that the Israeli planes, raiding terrorist bases in Lebanon, dropped booby-trapped toys and other devices, I hereby categorically deny these allegations. They are vile slander invented by evil minds in order to cover up their own cowardly and dastardly acts of terrorism against children, which have been denounced by the entire civilized world.

The only side to use these sinister methods were the Palestinian terrorists who have, since 1968, scattered innocuous looking booby-trapped objects near Israeli schools and public places.

At the same time, I would like to draw your attention to Paul Martin's story from Nabatieh (*The Times*, May 18), which appeared on the front page under the headline "No Guerrilla base in Camp raided by Israel". The headline is contradicted in the story itself—as Martin reports: "a guerrilla leader I met in the camp told me that his men had suffered minimal casualties . . ."

If Mr Martin failed to find evidence as to the presence of terrorist bases in the Nabatieh camp, may I refer him to the report on the raid published in the Beirut daily, *A Nahar*, on May 18 which specifically mentions the destruction in the raid of the bases of Al Fatah, A Saiqa, the Popular Front, the Popular Democratic Front and the Armed Struggle Front?

A Nahar has frequently been quoted by your correspondents as a reliable source.

Yours faithfully,
GIDEON RAFAEL,
Embassy of Israel,
2 Palace Green, W8.

Cornish tinners' Parliament

From Mr Gershon Ellenbogen

Sir, One may readily agree with Professor R. R. Pennington (May 23) that "the participants in the Cornish convocation are to be commended on the care they have taken to act within the confines of the law" (certainly their conduct contrasts favourably with that of a Cabinet Minister who in contemptuous terms criticizes a judge for carrying out his legal duty); but in so far as he suggests that their claim to immunity may be valid, he is surely writing with his tongue in his cheek.

Ever since the revolution of 1688, Parliament has been the supreme law-maker. The royal prerogative itself is only "the residue of discretionary or arbitrary authority, which at any given time is legally left in the hands of the Crown" (Dicey), and it has continually been whittled down by statutes which affect it not expressly but by implication. How, then, can a privilege granted by a royal charter of 1508 be effectively invoked against current counter-inflation legislation?

I am, etc,
GERSHON ELLENBOGEN,
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Temple, EC4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 23: The Lord Shackleton had an audience of The Queen this morning when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

His Excellency Dr Manuel Norberto José de Anchorena was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Argentina to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Señor Rafael Máximo Gowland (Minister Plenipotentiary), Rear-Admiral Ricardo Guillermo Franke (Naval Attaché), Commodore Jorge A. Van Thienen (Air Military Attaché), Señor Antonio F. Seward (Counsellor (Economic and Commercial Affairs)), Señor Miguel F. Manzella (Counsellor Consular Affairs), Señor Alejandro A. Pinero (First Secretary: Consular Affairs), Señorita Graciela Grandi (First Secretary) and Señor Horacio R. Basso (Second Secretary).

Señora de Anchorena had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Thomas Brimelow (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Strike Command, and upon his appointment as Chief of the Air Staff and Air Aide-de-Camp to Her Majesty.

General Sir Cecil Blacker had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Aide-de-Camp General to Her Majesty.

The Queen, as Patron of King George's Jubilee Trust, and The Duke of Edinburgh were present this evening at a Reception given by the Administrative Council of the Trust in Merchant Taylors' Hall.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received upon arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of London and Sir Peter Studd (Vice-Chairman of the Trust and Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company).

The Marchioness of Abergavenny, Mr William Heseltine, Squadron Leader Peter Beer and Captain Peter Fletcher were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning presented the Design Council Awards for 1974 at the Commercial Union Assurance Company Limited, St Helen's, Undershaft, London.

Major Benjamin Herman, RM, was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, as an Honorary Life Member of the Athenaeum, was present this evening at the 150th Anniversary Dinner of the Club at the Athenaeum, Pall Mall.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this morning arrived at Welshpool in the Royal Train to carry out engagements in connexion with The Prince of Wales' Committee for Wales.

His Royal Highness toured the Montgomery Canal Reclamation Project and opened the Welshpool Lock gates.

The Prince of Wales subsequently attended a Reception at the Town Hall, Welshpool.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Welshpool High School and later travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Cardiff.

The Prince of Wales toured the National Museum of Wales and presided at a Meeting of the Welsh Environment Foundation held in the Museum Court Room.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a dinner given by the Variety Club of Great Britain at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, as Honorary Freeman, and Captain Mark Phillips were present this evening at the Loriners Livery Dinner at the Mansion House.

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 23: The Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant of The Women's Royal Air Force, today visited RAF Swanton Morley, Norfolk.

Her Royal Highness travelled in aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

Prince Richard of Gloucester today arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Germany.

His Royal Highness this evening was Guest of Honour at a Dinner given by the VC and GC Association at the Café Royal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 23: The Duke of Kent today visited the factories of Redifon Limited at Crawley.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent was entertained at luncheon today by the Bailiff of Guernsey at the Royal Hotel, St Peter Port. Her Royal Highness subsequently named the Royal National Life-Boat Institution's new life-boat and was entertained at dinner at Government House by the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Mills.

The Duchess, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Jane Pugh.

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HM Government
Her Majesty's Government gave a luncheon yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of the Mexican Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Señor Jose Gallestegui. Mr David Ennals, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host, and the guests included:

The Mexican Ambassador and Señora de Margalli, Señor H. Flores-Sanchez, Señor and Señora C. de Icaza, Mr Anthony Kershaw, MP, and Mrs Kershaw, Mr R. H. Belcher, the Hon Henry Hankey, Mr Norman Reddaway and Mr H. Ellis.

Department of Education and Science
Mr Ernest Armstrong, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Badiuddin Mahmud, Minister of Education, Ceylon.

Stock Exchange
The Chairman, Mr G. A. Loveday, and Members of the Council of the Stock Exchange gave a luncheon party at the Stock Exchange yesterday. The guests were:

Mr Ricardo Berla, managing director, British Oilfield Limited, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, chairman, All England Lawn Tennis Club, Colonel C. P. Dreamy, Prime Warden, the Fishmongers' Company, Mr John L. Harvey, chairman, the Exchange Telegraph Company (Holdings) Limited, Sir Cyril Hawker, president, Overseas Bankers Club, Mr P. H. R. Marshall, Under-Secretary, Financial Relations and Trade Relations and Exports Departments, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Sir William Mullens, Prime Warden, the Goldsmiths' Company, Sir Philip Oppenheimer, deputy chairman, Charter Consolidated Limited, Sir Norman Skelhorn, Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr E. Kenneth Wright, President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Receptions

Mme de Anchorena
The Argentine Ambassador and Mme de Anchorena held a reception at the Argentine Embassy, yesterday to celebrate Argentine National Day (May 25). Among those present were:

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Cabinet, members of Parliament, representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and other government departments and Argentine residents in London.

Company Pensions Information Centre
Lord Byers, Chairman of the Company Pensions Information Centre, and Lady Byers gave a reception at 7 Old Park Lane on Wednesday, May 22. Among those present were:

Viscount and Viscountess Cobham, Mr and Mrs Maurice Hadden-Grant, Mr and Mrs W. G. Hasham, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Mr Brian O'Malley, Minister of State for Health and Social Security, Mr and Mrs G. H. Ross Goobey, Lord and Lady Shepherd, Mr Kenneth Clarke, MP, and Mrs Clarke and Mr Alex Jones MP.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. G. W. Andrews and Mlle A.-H. de Villartay
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Brigadier and Mrs G. L. W. Andrews, West Kingsteps, Nairn, Scotland, and Anne-Hélène, daughter of M and Mme Robert Jarnouën de Villartay, L'Essart, La Chapelle Saint Fray, France.

Lieutenant G. K. Billson, RN and Miss R. A. C. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Geoffrey Kendrick Billson, Royal Navy, younger son of Brigadier G. H. T. Billson, CBE, DSO, and Mrs Billson, of Great Haseley, Oxford, and Rosemary Anne Christine, daughter of Captain R. C. Morgan, Royal Navy, and Mrs Morgan, of Chiltlee Cottage, Liphook, Hampshire.

Mr J. D. Goldsmith and Miss S. Karp
The engagement is announced between John David Goldsmith (St Alban-Rheinweg 180, 4052 Basel), son of Dr and Mrs M. Goldsmith, of 3 Birkdale Avenue, Leicester, LE2 3HA, and Sylwia, only daughter of Mrs Irene Karp and the late Mr Leon Karp, of Maximilian Str 47 Munich 22.

Mr R. H. Johnston and Miss J. R. Tweedie
The engagement is announced between Robin (Mick), son of Mr and Mrs R. W. H. Johnston, of San Julian, Argentina, and of Dumfries, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tweedie, Edradour, North Berwick, and of Estancia Stag River, Rio Gallegos, Argentina. The marriage will take place in Patagonia in February.

Mr D. MacLehose and Miss C. Clyne
The engagement is announced between David, son of the Rev Alex and Mrs MacLehose, of Lockerley Vicarage, Romsey, Hampshire, and Christine, daughter of the late Dr Theodore Clyne and Mrs Peter Blackburn, of Greenfield House, St Mellons, Monmouthshire.

Mr D. D. C. Monro and Miss P. E. Grey
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs F. L. Monro, of Downend, Hindhead, Surrey, and Paulene Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. R. Grey, 18 Long Drive, Kohimarama, Auckland 5, New Zealand.

Mr M. P. Polack and Miss J. E. Smith
The engagement is announced between Michael Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Polack, of Bristol, and Janet Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen Bramwell Smith, of Derby.

RSPCA gala evening

The Duke and Duchess of Somerset will be hosts at a champagne reception and buffet supper to be held at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, on June 18 to mark the 150th anniversary of the RSPCA. For tickets: £12 double and £7 single; please apply to Miss H. Thomas, RSPCA Events Executive, 43 Great Marlborough Street, London, W1.

Design Council

The Duke of Edinburgh presented the Design Council Awards for 1974 yesterday at the Commercial Union Building, EC. He was welcomed by the Lord Mayor of London, Viscount Caldecote, Chairman of the Design Council, the Earl of Snowdon, Sir Paul Reilly, Director of the Design Council, and Mr Francis Sandilands.

Latest wills

Sir Julian Henry Hall, of Westminster, journalist and author, left £157,115 net (duty paid, £67,423). He left £20,000 and effects to Gwen Lady Melchett, £1,000 each to the Garrick Club and the Garrick Club Library Committee, £500 to the London Library, £500 to J. G. Richards, of Coutts & Co, and £350 for the benefit of the staff at 440 Strand, in appreciation of their kind attention. Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Bingley Major Stanley Norman, of Cobham, Surrey (duty paid, £32,892) £158,642
Callow, Mr Frederick Walter, of Stoke Newington, company director (duty paid, £18,759) .. £159,689
Dow, Miss Mildred Murdoch, of Highgate, London (duty paid, £44,426) £111,954
Fisher, Miss Hilda, of Wimbledon (duty paid, £57,066) .. £227,228
Roberts, Mr Griffith Richard, of Upper Holloway, London (duty paid, £30,783) £107,038

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, May 24, 1949

Free Germany

From Our Special Correspondent
Bonn, May 23.—The new Federal Republic for Western Germany came into existence soon after 4 o'clock this afternoon, when almost 100 signatures were appended to the constitution at a ceremony seen here by hundreds of persons in the large assembly hall of the Parliamentary Council.

After all the signatures had been appended the council was formally adjourned by Dr Konrad Adenauer, the president, and the new Republic was declared officially inaugurated. For the first time since the rise of the Hitler regime in 1933, some 45 million Germans in the three western zones are now at liberty to elect their first free Government. Preparations for the elections are now in hand, and polling is expected to take place by mid-July.

Dinners

Athenaeum
The Duke of Edinburgh, who was in the chair, proposed the toast of the club, to which Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest replied, at a house dinner held last night to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Athenaeum. The Archbishop of York said grace.

Loriners' Company
Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips were present at a dinner at the Mansion House last night held by the Master, Mr Douglas A. Clarke, the Wardens, Mr R. E. Tongue and Mr R. M. Burton, and the Court of Assistants and liverymen and freemen of the Loriners' Company. The Lord Mayor, who replied to the civic toast, attended, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies. Among those present were:

Lord Erroll of Hale (who responded on behalf of the guests) and Lady Erroll of Hale, Judge Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Lord Sudeley, Alderman Sir Robert Bellinger (who proposed the toast of the Company and the Master) and Lady Bellinger, and the Masters of the Saddlers' and Plaisterers' Companies, the Master of the Farriers' Company and the immediate Past Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company and their ladies, Mr Richard Meade, Lieutenant-Colonel John Miller and Mr and Mrs Dick Francis.

Victoria Cross and George Cross Association
Prince Richard of Gloucester was present at a dinner given by the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at the Café Royal last night. Mr Roy Mason, MP, Rear-Admiral B. C. G. Place, VC, and Mr R. G. Ridling, GC, were the speakers.

Lady Ballantrae
The Lord High Commissioner and Lady Ballantrae yesterday gave a dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among the guests were:

Lord and Lady Stockton, Baroness Ellis of Harwood, General Sir Chandos and Lady Blair, Mr and Mrs William Ross-Mogg, Mr and Mrs Alan Baxter, Mr and Mrs Simon Wilson, the Rev John and Mrs R. Gray and Mr and Mrs J. R. Brown.

British Italian Society
Lord Goodman, Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, and Mrs Maudling, Sir William and Lady Barnetson, Sir Hugh and Lady Cudlipp, Prince and Princess Weikersheim, Grand Uff Serafino Pini, Comm Massimo Coen and Signora Thelma Coen (chairman of the ball committee), and Signora Giorgetta Crosetti (vice-chairman) were present at the annual dinner of the British Italian Society held at the Savoy Hotel on Tuesday.

Coningsby Club
The Coningsby Club entertained Mr William Whitelaw, MP, at dinner last night at the House of Commons. Mr Michael Tugendhat was in the chair.

Marriages

Mr E. W. A. Murray and Miss E. D. Harman
The marriage took place quietly on Wednesday at St Michael's, Chester Square, SW1, of Mr Edward William Atholl Murray, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs Stracey Murray, and Miss Elizabeth Dawn Harman, daughter of the late Mr H. D. Harman and Mrs R. Simpson Harvey, of 18 Kingston House South, SW7. The Rev E. G. H. Saunders officiated.

Birthdays today

Duke of Bedford, 57; Rear-Admiral Sir Kenneth Buckley, 70; Sir Roden Cutler, VC, 58; Sir William Haley, 73; Miss Joan Hammond, 62; General Sir Campbell Hardy, 68; Earl of Macclesfield, 86; Miss Siobhan McKenna, 51; Sir Cecil Mant, 68; Sir Charles Norton, 78; Sir Edmund Sargant, 68; Lord Tryon, 68; Major-General V. J. E. Westropp, 77.

Kirk's task 'to fight prophets of sex nihilism'

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh

The Church of Scotland was called to battle yesterday against extramarital sex relations and the false prophets of sexual nihilism.

The Rev David Levison, convener of the moral welfare committee addressing the General Assembly in Edinburgh, said that one simple, fundamental truth was that sexual intercourse was for marriage. "Sex without love is a travesty, a mutual exploitation and despoliation", he said. Intensive and effective education along these lines was crying out to be done.

He told the 1,300 commissioners: "I look at my presbyterial brothers and sisters in this assembly and I seriously wonder if one quarter of this company has dared to argue the case from pulpit, public platform, in school, youth club or couples' group".

The committee, he said, intended to make that task easier for them in a series of discussion papers with material on "today's questions on marriage".

"This is ammunition for a battle we must get thoroughly engaged in against the false prophets, who so often think themselves avant-garde but who only lead our young people up the ancient and pathetic cul-de-sacs of sexual nihilism."

Perhaps the church was the only body that still believed that sex could not be separated from love but the committee believed that God's truth was winning the battle.

Sorry evidence was mounting that departure from that simple but essential principle created oceans of unhappiness and was placing quite unwarrantable burdens on the social, legal and medical services.

"For the happiness of our young people, for the future of family life and for the welfare of our society, this truth must be written into their hearts and minds, written into the heart of society itself: intercourse is for marriage."

Fairbairn telegram: Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, QC, sent a telegram yesterday to the Moderator of the Free Kirk General Assembly requesting the right to address the assembly and reply to bitter criticism levelled at him during a debate on public questions and morals.

On Wednesday evening Mr Donald Jack, an elder of Edinburgh Presbytery, attacked the nomination of Mr Fairbairn to succeed Sir Alec Douglas-Home as Conservative Candidate in Kinross and West Perthshire, and told the assembly that it was to be hoped the constituents would reject such a candidate.

Mr Jack described Mr Fairbairn as an enemy of the Gospel because of his connexion with the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, which had made a "nefarious" contribution to the permissive society.

The telegram was passed on by the moderator, the Rev Alastair Ross, to the assembly's business committee. The committee, headed by Professor G. N. M. Collins, decided to write a letter to Mr Fairbairn, stating that the criticism was the opinion of a single individual and had not the authority of the assembly.

Rejecting his request it said he had already replied adequately to the criticism in the national press.

High prices for Continental pieces at furniture sale

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's yesterday had their most financially successful sale of oak furniture, pewter and metalwork. Richly carved Continental pieces made the biggest prices. A French Henri IV walnut buffet carved with satyr heads, griffins, scrollwork and foliage made £3,360 (Embden). Its style, according to Christie's, shows the influence of the exotic designs published by Jacques Androvet du Cerceau about 1550.

A seventeenth-century Spanish walnut *varguengo* or cabinet, also richly carved, brought the same price. A Mantuan walnut pedestal cupboard of architectural design, dated 1601, was priced at £1,470. The doors are decorated with an armorial cartouche bearing the royal arms of the Lusignan family. A Dutch or German early-eighteenth-century bureau-cabinet made £1,155 (Lameris), and an early-Georgian English oak dresser made £1,102.50. Two eighteenth-century brass candlesticks brought an outstanding price at £441. The sale totalled £53,227.

Sotheby's sold a small collection of pottery. Several pieces had been through the sale rooms in recent years. It started with a small group of Italian majolica, which brought strong bidding; a restored Deruta urn-shaped vase and cover made £1,450 (Embden).

A group of English Delftware also made high prices. A William III equestrian portrait charger, which made £2,000 at Sotheby's in 1973, reached £3,000 (Allbrook). A Queen Anne portrait charger made £1,400, compared with £680 in 1969; a similar charger made £950 in April, 1973.

A slipware dish by Ralph Toft made £7,500 (Newbon), but a Charles II portrait slipware dish by Ralph Simpson was bought in at £6,500. A dated Staffordshire slipware jug by William Simpson, of 1691, reached £1,900, compared with £1,200 in 1968. A Staffordshire bragget pot, dated 1688, made £1,220, compared with £1,600 in 1968. The collection totalled £46,695 for 57 lots.

Sotheby's also sold a collection of small baroque wood carvings formed by Dr William M. Milliken for £29,780. A pair of Wurzburg limewood figures of angels brought the top price at £5,000 (Moulton). A mixed sale of carvings and Gothic caskets made £81,152. A Nuremberg iron casket, richly engraved and decorated and dating from the second half of the sixteenth-century, made £8,500 (Peter Dale). Sotheby's also held a silver sale totalling £41,199.

At Woolley and Wallis's, Salisbury, a sale of antique furniture and pictures realized £18,000. A Sheraton-period mahogany sideboard of small size made £1,950. A George II Irish mahogany narrow sidetable made £720, and a George III mahogany longcase clock inscribed "De Laselle, London", made £660.

Records staff troubles slow search service

By a Staff Reporter

Mr J. R. Ede, Keeper of Public Records, reports today that a severe shortage and rapid turnover of staff affected the standard of service provided to the public last year.

His annual report to the Lord Chancellor says that the main consequences of the staff difficulties were that work on executing photocopies was severely disrupted and the production of documents to readers was frequently delayed.

The number of documents produced in the searchrooms, 372,000, was slightly higher than in 1972, but the number of daily attendances by members of the public, 95,000, showed a marginal 2 per cent drop. That slight easing of pressure on the Public Record Office showed itself in a small reduction in the number of readers using the searchrooms during the busy summer months, with the result that on only a very few occasions were people kept waiting for seats. Attendances were more evenly spread throughout the year.

Work began on the new and supplementary Public Record Office at Kew last May. The building is expected to be handed over in 1976 and opened to the public six months later.

The report of the advisory council expresses anxiety that the editorial and publication programme of the records office is so vulnerable to staffing difficulties. It reviews the progress made since 1959 in dealing with accommodation for readers and records.

Annual Report of the Public Record Office (HC 118, Stationery Office, 27p).

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as chancellor, visits Salford University, 10.10.

Exhibition: Ivory Carvings in early Medieval England, 700-1200, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-6.

British Library, Department of Manuscripts: Exhibition of Tudor and Stuart alphabets and writing books, British Museum, 10-5.

Performance of Shakespeare's *Pericles* by Prospect Theatre Company in aid of the Disabled Living Foundation, Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, 7.30.

Poets in Person, Ted Berrigan and John Matthias, Poetry Society, Earls Court Square, 7.30.

Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Show, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 8.30-5.

Memorial services: Mr P. B. James, St James's, Piccadilly, noon; Lady Clyde, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 3.

Princess Alexandra will open the Royal Cottage Homes for Watermen, Freemen of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames, at Hastings, on July 17.

Four teams in struggle for bridge prize

From a Bridge Correspondent
Venice, May 23

Approaching the halfway point in the eliminating rounds of the world bridge contest for the Bermuda Bowl, four teams—Italy, Brazil, North America and France—are already established as favourites for the semi-final places.

Round three: Brazil beat North America 19—4 (+1—30); Indonesia beat France 12—8 (19—41); Italy beat New Zealand 20 minus 4 (127—30). Current four: France beat Brazil [illegible]; North America beat New Zealand 20 minus 2 (103—34); Italy beat Indonesia [illegible]. Victory point table after four rounds: Italy 64, Brazil 51, North America 51, France 42, Indonesia 17, New Zealand 4.

The Indonesian team suffered from its inability to communicate. The official language of the championship is English, and none of the Indonesians is even moderately fluent in it. Therefore they have been unable to give adequate explanations of their system, and so far have been penalized three times for the failure to do so.

The situation has been rectified with the introduction of interpreters and an enlargement of the Indonesian system statement beyond the usual requirements. It would therefore not be a surprise if this team was to show rapid improvement between now and the end of the eliminating rounds on Saturday night.

At that point, the team occupying first place will meet the fourth in one semi-final, while those in the second and third places will meet each other. The Italians have won all their matches and therefore will carry forward a positive score against their opponents in both the semi-finals and finals.

In the unofficial challenge match for the Venice Trophy between the Italian women, who are the world and European title holders, and the United States team, the score with 24 hands remaining to play is United States 267 and Italy 180. The possibility of an Italian recovery seems remote.

OBITUARY

MR CHARLES SQUIRES

Television film director

Mr Elkan Allan writes:
Mr Charles Squires, MBE, the television film director, died at the age of 46 on Wednesday at a Harley Street clinic where he was under treatment for a heart condition.

Although the credits on his many films read "Charles", it was as Charlie that he was known and will be remembered by his colleagues in both ITV and the BBC. With his uncompromising Cockney manner he had no time for artistic pretensions although, as a tribute to his work shown last year as an *Aquarius* programme put it, he was "one of television's greatest chroniclers of our life and times in this country".

His best-known film was *Derby Day*, an impression of Epsom Downs that was as vivid as the Frith painting and contained a slow-motion version of the race against carousel music that has been enshrined in the archives of film and the memories of all who saw it. Such brilliant use of vision against music was the result of his editing experience, and many a producer — including myself — will admit that he often turned indifferent films into riveting viewing by his cutting skill.

It was his saving of a threatened library of old film footage at Associated-Rediffusion that first brought him to prominence on his own account. He took sections from it and reedited them to music under the generic title, *Take Four*. The result was that the reels were not "junked" but saved for the Squires treatment over a number of years.

His career up to that point—1965—had been first as teaboy in the Crown Film Unit at 14, then as a telegraphist in the Royal Navy and he then progressed through the feature film cutting rooms at Shepperton, Denham and Pinewood. He joined commercial television at its inception and ultimately became chief editor at Associated-Rediffusion.

His first films as a director were *A Boy Called Donovan*, *Airport*, *Carrier Eagle*, and *The Grafters* which was his own favourite, about market traders. In 1971 he joined *Man Alive* where he directed programmes about life on the dole, the Army and Soho. For London Weekend he made many items for *Aquarius*, notably about tattooing and pantomime animal acts.

Through his career he concentrated on the most ordinary people and captured their eccentricities but also their warmth with the eye of a Mayhew. He had recently been extending his range to the treasures of Britain for an LWT series to be seen later this year. He leaves a wife and two married children.

As everyone who worked with Charlie will know, he was the most direct of men—honest but unsparing in his criticism but equally generous in his contributions, whether credited or not. His plump, Billy Bunter figure will be sorely missed from the cutting rooms round Wardour Street. Charlie was an original and, although he would have scoffed at the idea, himself, a considerable artist.

LIEUT-COL R. B. Y. MILLS

A correspondent writes:
Lt-Col Robert Breynton Yarnton Mills, OBE, MC, who died at Barrington Grove near Burford, at the age of 74, was a man of great ability who applied his talents for the benefit of his country, his family and his friends as an industrialist and businessman, soldier and countryman.

Born on 27th March 1900 and educated at Winchester and Sandhurst, he left the Army on the death of his father in 1921 and lived in France to take charge of the family textile business near Rouen. Between the wars he also lived in England and was a member of the Stock Exchange, for some time being a partner in the jobbing firm of Sambourne & Co.

On the outbreak of war in 1939 he rejoined his Regiment, the 15th/19th Hussars, winning the Military Cross in North Africa while commanding a squadron of 12th Royal Tank Regiment. Later, during the close of the campaign in Italy, he commanded the "Phantom" Signal Regiment of 8th Army which operated a direct signal net from out-stations with the most forward units direct to the Army Commander, being awarded the OBE (Military Division) for this work.

After the war he returned to France to manage the family business until this was eventually sold to a French company.

He retired to live in Gloucestershire where he was a most kindly and generous host. He excelled in all field sports and had a particular love of racing of which he was a shrewd judge, nearly always having horses in training, mostly in France.

Martin Etchegoyen, the Vice-President of Uruguay, has died in Montevideo. He was 83.

MR PHILI EMBLETO

Internation walker

Philip Embleton, who sented Britain in the Olympic 20,000 metres 1972, died on Wedne hospital in London, as briefly reported in *The* He was 25.

Neil Allen, Athletics pondent, writes: Philip ton had been sufferin leukemia since the winte ing the 1972 Olymp architectural assistant London; he took up race in 1966 and it was not lon he represented Britain national matches.

In 1971 he won the 10 miles walk, becoming British walker for seve sons to defeat the expe Paul Nihill, and finishe in the European 20,000 championship in Helsink

The next year Embleto lished a world's best ance of 41min 55sec 10,000 metres walk. He only 14th in the Olympi metres, but already he n been affected by illness

He bravely refused to ledge, that his athletic was over and even last y as a spectator to the walking championshi Lugano so that he could the British team.

MR IAN FAIRWEATH

Mr Ian Fairweat Scottish-born artist and turer, who spent more years as a hermit on a land island, has died of attack, aged 83.

Fairweather, who Australia in 1934, liv bark and iron shack in on Bribie Island, some north of Brisbane. He s days beachcombing an ing and became Australia's leading artis pictures realized an price of 4,000 Australian (£2,500) each at an ex ia in 1970. Some of his wo been shown at the Tate

When the 1914-18 wa out Fairweather enlisted Army in Britain. captured on his first da front lines and spent fo as a prisoner. After the attended the Slade Sc London, but when un make a living from his p went travelling the wor

His last great ad before settling on Bribi Ken Tiki-style expeditio Darwin into the shark-i Timor Sea. He built a tri raft with three old aircr tanks which he found on

CARDINAL DANIELOU

Fr B. R. Brinkman, SJ

May I add a few words obituary of Cardinal D in praise of his gift for ship? His English wa very good. When he g set of the Sarum Lect Oxford his pronunciation entirely prevented his from understanding w was saying. He did not audience. Behind such sions, and many like th a network of spontaneous ships with English scholars, especially with Professor F. L. Cross. for over twenty years Da friendships were intern scholarly, and (very prec him) ecumenical.

As a Cardinal it was n for him to shed dignity less would he keep anyo distance. Last summer with him at Les Fo (Chantilly), once a close house, now an open study with one of the finest ing SJ libraries. His ener wit, his loyalties and tions were shared with or so visiting students o ages who came from a of Western Europe. Wit an hour of arrival he work in the library. A first meal he was in the playing "boules" with who would join him, a the chaffing he insisted longing the game till With a few cronies in t ing we foregathered to on his forthcoming ele the French Academy. ceived, promptly upon, and then rejecte an irreverent suggestio solemn oration which had to prepare. It se René Clair had decli speech recommending Academician on the g his own unfamiliarity w logy. Fascinated by the he might get to know t of the cinema Danié offered to coach him. and much more convi that Daniélou's love Church, however cons was no love of forms men.

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'hase in deal to uy half of NFC consumer nance business

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t National Finance Cor- on plans to sell half of its ner finance operations—have gross assets of £120m ntributed £5m to profits ar—to Chase Manhattan

iminary details of the pro- deal were disclosed in a tatement from FNFC and last night. FNFC is a secondary bank created Pat Matthews, its manag- rector. Chase is the third bank in the United

ommon with others, FNFC en beset by rumours aris- m the secondary banking property crises and was closely involved in the of London and County ies. However, Mr Mat- stressed last night that the sed deal with Chase was rescue operation.

otiations have apparently going on for a month after proach to FNFC from Final terms are unlikely decided for about three s and it is still unclear how money Chase will inject the new venture.

idea is that Chase should e a 50 per cent partner NFG's consumer finance tions. These take in the hire-purchase operations, 22 in-store banking offices, branches at railway stations, which are being installed under a recent deal between FNFC and British Rail, and FNFC's substantial personal lending business.

It is uncertain at this stage whether London and County in-store banks will be included in the joint venture.

From Chase's point of view the deal with FNFC makes sense because Chase itself was planning to launch its own retail banking operation in some six provincial cities in Britain. Two months ago Chase decided to drop those plans, however, because of the change in the consumer credit climate in this country.

Successful conclusion of the negotiations between FNFC and Chase depends on the approval of the United States Federal Reserve Board and the Bank of England.

Last night Mr Matthews said that since negotiations were still incomplete he was unable to say how much money Chase would put into the new company.

As a result of the secondary banking crisis, FNFC's stock market value has fallen from £112m to £25m during the past 12 months.

ourtaulds' profits ose £48m last year

xtile giant Courtaulds eved a massive increase in its last year, according to iminary results issued to eholders yesterday.

e board stated that the p's results, showing pre-tax its up from £68m to £116m substantially due to in- sed volume of sales and itable export prices.

ith record increases in sales profits the group made a contribution of some £155m the United Kingdom current nce of payments after allow- for import and foreign ex- ge costs.

-tax profits of the Beecham p in the year to the end arch rose by just over a r from £43.8m to £55m on sales up from £260m to £338m. Most of the growth, particularly in the second half, came from the group's overseas operations. The full year dividend goes up from a gross equivalent of 6.56p to 6.89p.

Pre-tax profits of Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's Lonrho trading conglomerate rose in the six months to end-March from £9.6m to £16m on turnover up from £110m to £144m.

But after higher minorities, reflecting in part the hiving-off of part of the Nigerian shipping interests to the local populace the increase at the attributable level dropped to a half at £4.8m. The market took little notice of the figures and left the shares uncharged at 69p.

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oiding a recession with big in unemployment next r.

ernatively, such large fre- pay increases, month by through the summer and m, to a growing proportion total labour force (about illion in all) might, it is d, cause the pound to start ground in foreign ex- e markets. While that protect the competitive- of British exports, it would ush up import prices and ther raise industrial costs ome prices.

en threshold agreements introduced last autumn in leath's Phase Three Price Pay Code, the assumption that the economy would by 3½ per cent and that would, with luck, never the crucial 7 per cent old for activating thresh- ayments, or at least not near the end of the twelve- h period of Phase Three. hopes have been dashed, by world price develop- s and partly by the impact hree-day working in the quarter of this year.

is the strong hope of the rnment that during next r's pay round employees accept threshold payments dy made as payments on nt towards the normal r settlements. The argu- here will be that the base- of most pay claims, namely ost-of-living rise during the year, has already been met all but 6 per cent.

lovees affected: Almost all groups of workers in the ic sector, and many in pri- industry, are covered by e Three threshold clauses heir pay agreement (our ur Staff writes).

me of the groups who will fit include mineworkers, authority manual workers, workers and railwaymen. A worker in the mines, whose went up to £25 under the nt pit pay deal, will, if the e leaps apply, go up to 20.

any workers in private in- ry are still not covered by shold clauses. Since last ember the Pay Board has roved well over a thousand lements which do not con- such clauses, almost exclu- ly in the private sector and ering more than five million kers.

hief among those groups are 00,000 engineering workers, e recent national pay agree- t gave a two-stage deal, but ked a threshold clause. Some ers in the industry will be ered by individual plant ements, but they are not ight to be many.

Nearly two million workers, ng almost all in private industry, have had their pay agreements refused by the Pay Board since last November, and they too will fail to benefit from today's index announcement.

Threshold payments will have a less inflationary effect than similar increases on basic rates. The £1.20, if reached, will be a special individual payment to each worker and will not be used as part of the basic rate for the calculation of overtime and other earnings.

With the continued increase in the cost of living, the TUC expects that workers will easily win an extra £2 a week by the autumn, when Phase Three is due to expire.

CBI warning: Britain faced a "very ugly situation" unless it appreciated the dangers of inflation and united to overcome them, Mr Campbell Adamson, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said at Henley-on-Thames yesterday, writes Malcolm Brown.

Threshold agreements would almost certainly be triggered today with the publication of the retail price index, Mr Adamson said. This would mean that several million people would get an extra 40p, or even 80p a week. The country would be lucky to reach the end of the year with an inflation rate of much under 20 per cent.

A large part of the remedy lay with industry and commerce. Inflation could be beaten by using people, plant and equipment better.

"But until we do we have no alternative but to damp down our demands for higher living standards or we shall defeat the very thing we are fighting for", Mr Adamson told the CBI's southern regional council.

Turning to the Government's plans for increased nationalization and intervention in industry, Mr Adamson said that industry looked with the greatest concern at these proposals. He said that industry was just as aware as the Government of the need for a close and healthy relationship between government and industry in a modern mixed economy.

"Such a relationship will not be improved by the kind of statement made by some ministers recently about government's financial aid to industry.

"These are to the effect that since 1970 industry has received over £3,000m in government subsidies, or nearly half the amount paid by companies in tax during the same period.

"The implication is that government has got a poor return for its money and should have much more influence over the way it is spent."

But the bulk of this money was for investment incentives, regional incentives and research and development aid.

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Pan Am's proposals to stimulate profits

New York, May 23.—Pan American Airways has presented federal officials with a detailed "shopping list" of proposed government measures that it "conservatively" estimates would yield potential profit opportunities annually of $341m (about £142m) to $407.5m (about £170m) if fully implemented.

The programme would avert the need for future federal subsidy payments, the airline said. But it also maintained that it should be paid subsidies to offset 1974 and 1975 losses, expected because of higher fuel costs, that would be incurred before any benefit arose from implementation of any part of the proposed programme.

Pan Am's plan for a "positive government action" programme of potential profit opportunities was submitted recently at the request of a White House interagency task force. This was formed to study the financial problems in the international air transport services of Pan Am and Trans World Airlines.

The task force, headed by presidential assistant Mr Peter M. Flanigan, includes the Office of Management and Budget, the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) and the State, Treasury, Transportation and Justice Departments.

A package of somewhat similar proposals was requested and received from TWA, which, like Pan Am, insists that subsidy payments will be needed for 1974 and, possibly, 1975, even if portions or all of its proposals are implemented.

Both Pan Am and TWA filed subsidy requests with the CAB in early April and are expected to press their cases before that agency and Congress. Administration officials, however, have expressed reluctance to back funding of any subsidy plan, but are understood to be interested in forming an alternative "survival" programme involving government help in non-subsidy areas.

The plans requested from the carriers are intended for use in shaping such a programme.

Pan Am told the task force that it had narrowed its estimated 1974 operation loss to $29.3m from the $75m it projected in its request for a subsidy. It also said that it is projecting a $58.4m 1975 operating loss, despite expectations of a 7.5 per cent increase in traffic next year.

Operating figures are given before such items as interest, tax credits and equipment sales.

The $29.3m 1974 operating loss would compare with 1973's $6.7m operating profit. Interest payments last year of $58.5m, partly offset by a $17.5m tax credit and other items, produced a net loss of $18.4m, Pan Am's fifth consecutive annual deficit.

Pan Am's package of proposed government action includes various measures that would add an estimated $279m to $320.5m yearly in new pre-tax profit. Other measures would avoid a further profit deterioration of $62m to $87m annually.

Features of the plan include: government grants of new routes to Pan Am and restrictions of authority for certain selected foreign airlines, as well as changes in various fare and rate regulations.

The programme also includes the rejection of a pending proposal by Laker Airways, the British carrier, to operate a low-cost "skytrain" service between New York and London. This would avoid a profit drain of as much as $12m yearly, Pan Am said.—AP-Dow Jones.

P&O in talks to buy cruise ship

P & O are negotiating to buy the two year old, 20,000 tons cruise ship, Island Princess, for around £15m from Norway's Fearnley and Eger and American interests.

Herbert chief defends contracts of service

By Clifford Webb

The extent of service contracts held by directors and their minimal shareholdings were criticized yesterday at the annual meeting of Alfred Herbert, Britain's largest machine tools group.

Mr Neale Raine, managing director, told questioners that the service contract held by Sir Richard Young, company chairman until recently, had been terminated and this was now the subject of a legal claim.

He confirmed that £68,000 had been paid as agreed compensation to Mr A. E. Smith, a former director who left on September 30 last year with a service agreement up to October, 1978.

Mr Raine said that when a company was in Herbert's 1970 position it could not employ people without giving service contracts.

He added that as a professional man he could not afford the £100,000 worth of shares suggested by one questioner, "but as soon as this meeting is over I shall buy shares".

Mr Raine refused to confirm the report in Wednesday's Business News that the chairmanship might go to Sir Raymond Brookes, who retires as chairman of Guest Keen & Nettlefolds at the end of this year.

The company had made a profit in the last quarter of 1973 but the miners' strike, three-day working and an unprecedented rate of inflation had put it back into a loss-making situation.

An extraordinary general meeting which preceded the annual meeting approved a one-for-five issue of new preference shares to preference shareholders in return for giving the board authority to raise its secured borrowing limits.

Last three clearers cut base rate by ½ pc

By Ian Morison
Financial Correspondent

The London clearing banks' current round of base rate reductions came to an end yesterday morning when the three remaining banks—Coutts, Midland and Williams & Glyn's—moved into line with Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster by cutting their rates from 12½ to 12 per cent.

Other banks to follow included the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Co-operative Bank. All the banks have reduced the basic rate of interest payable on deposits of £10,000 or more from 11 to 10½ per cent and all overdrafts will now be half a percentage point cheaper. But other rates, including those on personal loans and deposits of under £10,000 remain unchanged.

In his annual statement, published with the accounts yesterday, Mr Alfred Wilson, chairman of the Co-op Bank, said that there had been a very gratifying response to the introduction of free current account facilities for customers maintaining their accounts in credit and to the extension of the policy of paying interest on personal accounts: the number of new accounts opened had already justified the bank's action.

The bank's pre-tax profit rose from £3.85m to £4.75m last year. At the year-end its holdings of certificates of deposit as a result of commitments entered into by the Scottish Co-operative Society was £209m. This, however, clearly understates the SCS's initial exposure to the CD market, since some of its positions have already been unwound.

Commodities index drops sharply to 1974 low

By John Woodland

Further heavy losses were recorded in London Metal Exchange prices yesterday and helped to bring Reuters commodity index to a new 1974 low. At 1,308.1 it was 12.2 lower on the day and nearly 172 points below its all-time high registered on February 26.

However, most markets rallied a little from the day's lows and metals, in particular, were showing a firmer trend at the close. Nevertheless, copper was down £50 at £1,047.50 a tonne after trading at £1,040 while tin lost £37.50 at £3,747.50.

Lead declined £9.50 at £242 a tonne but was £9 above the lowest traded level and zinc eased £21.50 to £640 a tonne.

Silver recorded its heaviest ever single session drop on the LME in the morning but recovered a shade in the afternoon to finish 13.75p down at 209.5p a troy ounce after early business at 201.0p.

Triggering the new downward movement was the overnight weakness in New York commodities which prompted a wave of fresh chart and stop loss selling. There was little consumer support for base metals because of the Ascension Day holiday in many centres.

In Mark Lane, cocoa was just a shade easier with the September position closing at £739.50 a tonne, £1.75 down, after being nearly £16 lower at one stage. Sugar, although nervous, moved ahead with October almost £5 up at £196.275 a long ton.

Coffee slipped back again and the September position dropped £6.50 to £599.25 a long ton. EEC wheat and barley futures also lost ground.

Further £33m Shell order

Shell UK Exploration and Production has ordered another £33m concrete oil production platform from Norway for installation on the Brent oilfield, 112 miles north-east of Shetland.

Shell, the operator for the Shell-Esso group, said yesterday that it was exercising an option for a second Condeep platform under the terms of a contract negotiated last August.

The order went to Norway because Condeep was the only platform builder in Europe that could provide a structure to Shell's specification by 1976. It is the third major platform announcement by Shell within seven days and brings the total number of platforms ordered for the Brent field to four.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain released by the Department of Employment yesterday.

	Unemployed: Total unadjusted '000s	Unemployed: Seasonally adjusted* '000s	Unemployed: %	Adult vacancies seasonally adjusted '000s
1973				
May	521	605	2.7	291
June	516	593	2.6	303
July	555	581	2.6	324
August	571	563	2.5	330
Sept	545	542	2.4	339
Oct	510	512	2.3	363
Nov	494	486	2.2	368
Dec	436	470	2.1	362
1974				
Jan	606	536	2.4	304
Feb	599	549	2.4	273
March	590	545	2.4	274
April	647	546	2.4	297
May†	565	548	2.4	314

* Excluding school leavers and adult students.
† Provisional.

Mr Benn details his priorities in review of BSC closures

By Peter Hill

Details of the Government's plans for reviewing proposed steelworks closures by the British Steel Corporation were revealed yesterday.

The future of the state steel undertaking's £3,000m investment programme is now firmly back in the melting pot and there is considerable concern that the long-term strategy—hammered out in protracted discussion with the previous government—could be seriously jeopardized.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, gave details of the procedure which would be followed on closure plans in a written parliamentary reply.

During the review he said he would look into the possibility of raising the BSC's long-term production target and at the possibility of other changes in the strategy providing for improvements or alternative BSC activities at plants scheduled for closure.

Mr Benn has drawn up a "pecking order" for the review of closure plans. First to be considered will be the iron and steel making plant at Hartlepool, and the Cleveland iron-making facility.

This will be followed by a review of the planned shutdowns at Workington, Ebbw Vale, East Moors, Shelton and Bilston, Shotton; those scheduled in Scotland; the proposed Redcar plate mill development and associated closures, and finally others in England.

This programme, he said, had been agreed with the BSC and with the TUC steel committee. Primary responsibility for the review would lie in the hands of Lord Beswick, Minister of State at the Industry Department, who would undertake consultations before final decisions were taken.

The minister in his reply said closures would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Apart from the two imminent shutdowns at Stanton and Irlam, where ad hoc procedures had been followed, the review would begin with a tripartite meeting between representatives of the BSC, the TUC's steel committee and local unions, and the Government.

After the initial meeting, Lord Beswick would hold discussions with MPs concerned, local authorities and other appropriate bodies, said Mr Benn. A further tripartite meeting would take place if called for.

Mr Benn gave no hint as to the time scale of the review and while the programme will be carried out as speedily as possible it will certainly take several months.

Chairman of Milan Bourse is suspended

From John Earle
Rome, May 23

Signor Urbano Aletti, chairman of the Milan Bourse, has been temporarily suspended from his duties by a Milan magistrate investigating allegations against him in connexion with his opposition to the quotation on the over the counter market of a recently formed finance company IFIA (Istituto Finanziario Ibero-Americano).

The magistrate was following up accusations made by Signor Ferdinando Borzo, chairman of IFIA, whose company has not yet completed its first year of operations.

The possible charges relate to articles in the penal code covering abuse of the office of a public official and negligence on the part of a public official.

As chairman of the executive committee of the Milan Bourse, Signor Aletti is a public official. Further details of the accusations have not been made known.

For the time being the place of Signor Aletti as head of the Milan Bourse has been taken by Signor Francesco De Marchi, deputy chairman.

The activities of Signor Borzo have been a subject of controversy in the Italian press in recent weeks. He is reported to have submitted his allegations against Signor Aletti to the magistrate on May 14.

Business rents freeze extended

By John Groser
Political Staff

The Government has decided that the freeze on business rents should continue until the end of May next year.

Furthermore, the scope of the standstill is to be extended to include new lettings which will have taken place between November 5, 1972 and June 21, 1974. On June 21 next the Order implementing the proposals is to come into effect.

After the end of May, 1975, there will be a phased relaxation of the controls until the powers finally expire in March, 1976.

Announcing these measures in the Commons yesterday, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, explained that the National Association of Pension Funds and the Property Unit Trusts had asked if they could send a deputation to discuss the control of commercial rents.

He told Mrs Thatcher, the Opposition spokesman on the environment, that a meeting with the two bodies would be arranged. Meanwhile, the Government meant to take steps to continue the existing freeze and "to initiate a new standstill".

Mr Crosland went on to explain that the current standstill began on November 5, 1972 and the transitional period and the new freeze would end when the powers of control in the Counter Inflation Act, 1973 expired in March, 1976.

Business rents, which include those for shops, offices and factories, are at present subject to control under the Counter Inflation (Business Rents) Order 1973, the general effect of which is to restrict them to the levels in payment on November 5, 1972.

Rents of buildings newly let after that date are currently outside the standstill. This coverage of newly completed buildings, buildings previously owner-occupied and buildings not let since November 5, 1971, is now brought within the Government's net by extension of the freeze.

In deciding on its continuation and extension, ministers have been conscious of the need to put an end to the speculation about office rents.

If the news is bleak for property developers, they say, then at least the firm action will help stabilize the property market and, hopefully, restore some confidence to the City.

Stock Exchange tightens liquidity rules

By Terry Byland

The Council of The Stock Exchange is tightening up on its supervision of the cash position of member firms by requiring them to submit quarterly returns, in standard form, of their liquidity margins.

And the council gave warning that it may, "at a later date", call for these returns on a monthly basis. It is also considering altering the present liquidity requirements and will be making a further announcement on this point in due course.

The moves, which were foreshadowed two weeks ago in the Exchange's annual report, follows several "hammerings" of stockbroking firms unable to meet commitments—notably those of Chapman & Rowe and of Mitton, Butler, Priest.

Previously, non-corporate member firms have been required to submit audited accounts at the year end, and one unaudited liquidity margin statement during the year, when called for by the council.

The new regulation will not supersede the practice of calling for a spot check during the year, the council says. Indeed, the practice will be extended to include limited corporate member firms, such as Mitton, Butler, which had hitherto escaped this net unless they were under special supervision.

The new quarterly returns will be made by way of a standard proforma

Under present requirements, each partnership must have £5,000 cash a partner in excess of liabilities. Limited corporate members need £10,000 a director or associate member. Little detail is yet available regarding possible changes under consideration, but it is likely that a closer look will be taken at the source of members/directors cash assets.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 114.78—1.40
F.T. index: 288.2—4.3

Rises

Anglo-Thai Corp	12p to 242p	MEPC	38p to 121p
Boots	4p to 187p	Royco	1p to 21p
Cater Ryder	10p to 200p	St Martins	3½p to 90p
First Nat Fin	1p to 21p	Stock Conv	3p to 73p
Gt Portland	4p to 160p	Triumph Inv	4p to 121p
Imp Cont Gas	2p to 527p	UK Props	1p to 25p
Metal Box	3p to 130p	Yeoman Tst	4p to 103p

Falls

Beecham Grp	6p to 213p	Northern Ders	4p to 21p
Brit Am Tob	7p to 230p	Peko Wallsend	10p to 310p
BLMC	1p to 11½p	Regional	5p to 45p
Fisons	5p to 320p	Sirkey, B.	15p to 36½p
Hawker Sidd	3p to 234p	Unilever	5p to 295p
Lloyds Bk	5p to 195p	Wheatsoe	9p to 76p
Mansion Fin	5p to 25p		

Equities reversed an initially firmer trend.
Gilt-edged reports were quiet.
Sterling eased 25 points to $2.4125. The "effective devaluation" rate was 17.61 per cent.
Gold plunged $4.25 to $159.
Commodities: Heavy fresh losses were sustained in metals. Copper dropped £50; tin, £37.50; lead, £9.50; zinc, £21.50; and LME silver, 13.75p. Coffee and cocoa eased, but sugar gained ground. Reuters index fell 12.2 to a new 1974 low of 1,308.1.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.62
Austria Sch	43.75	41.75
Belgium Fr	96.75	94.00
Canada $	2.37	2.32
Denmark Kr	14.35	13.95
Finland Mkk	9.05	8.80
France Fr	11.80	11.50
Germany DM	6.05	5.85
Greece Dr	72.00	70.00
Hongkong $	12.40	12.05
Italy Lr	1630.00	1600.00
Japan Yn	695.00	670.00
Netherlands Gld	6.40	6.20
Norway Kr	13.05	12.70
Portugal Esc	59.25	56.50
S Africa Rd	1.93	1.84
Spain Pes	141.00	136.00
Sweden Kr	10.50	10.20
Switzerland Fr	7.15	6.90
US $	2.46	2.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.25	34.25

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OZALID
Progressive growth continues in 1973-Profits are up again

	1973	1972
Group Turnover	£63,100,000	£46,600,000
Turnover Arising Outside U.K.	£35,000,000	£23,100,000
(including U.K. Exports)	£7,000,000	£6,000,000
Group Net Profit Before Taxation	£7,361,000	£5,791,000
Profit After Taxation	£3,711,000	£3,448,000
Earnings Per Share*	15.9p	13.5p*

* 1972 adjusted for change to imputation system.

In announcing these results the Ozalid Group Chairman, Mr. N. J. Kioly, draws attention to the continuing rapid progress of the Group, both in the UK and overseas where the greatest opportunities are seen for future growth. Profits have been affected by constantly increasing costs, and it became necessary to raise the prices of a number of products in November, followed by further increases in the current year. Previously, selling prices had been held generally unchanged since January 1972.

Production was maintained at a high level during the three-day working week period, thanks to the [illegible] standby generators. Progress has been maintained during the early months of 1974, despite the energy crisis and other economic ills, and has not been retarded by shortage of any essential materials.

Group profits for the current year have been budgeted at a higher level than 1973 and the increase is expected to come mainly from overseas operations.

Dividend
The Directors propose to recommend payment of a final dividend at the gross rate of 4.28p per 25p Ordinary share and this, together with the interim dividend of 2.88p gross per share paid in September last, will give a total of 7.16p gross per share for the year, compared with 6.92p per share for 1972. This is the maximum increase permissible under present restrictions. The final dividend will be payable on 5th July 1974 to those on the Register of Ordinary Shareholders at 7th June 1974.

Annual General Meeting
The Report and Accounts will be dispatched to shareholders on June 4th and the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Company's offices at Langston Road, Loughton, Essex, at [illegible] 27th June [illegible]

OZALID GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
Loughton, Essex.

Fed loans to Franklin bank now put at $1,100m

From Frank Vogl
Washington, May 23

The Franklin National Bank was reported today to have borrowed around $1,100m (about £458m) from the Federal Reserve System, and Mr James Smith, the United States Controller of the Currency, has repeated that he believes Franklin—the 20th largest bank in the United States—is solvent.

The Franklin New York Corporation announced late this afternoon that it had requested the Securities and Exchange Commission to continue the trading suspension on its publicly quoted shares and bonds for a further 10-day period.

A spokesman for the bank had no comment to make on the volume of the bank's borrowings, but admitted that "an agreement has been made to obtain funds from the Federal Reserve System."

The bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Franklin New York Corporation and the spokesman said that a revised first-quarter earnings report was likely to be published on Tuesday. It has admitted significant losses on the foreign exchange market, but the revised report is widely expected to show most substantial losses arose from domestic bond market operations and over-extended positions in the Federal funds and Eurodollar markets.

The *Wall Street Journal*, quoting usually reliable sources, reported that Franklin's borrowings at the Fed are now around $1,100m

In an interview with *The New York Times*, Mr Smith said that after an initial investigation into Franklin's affairs "my position is the same as before—it is a solvent bank".

Mr Smith said he had asked Mr Michaele Sindona, largest shareholder in the Franklin New York Corporation with an interest of about 22 per cent, to place his Franklin interests in a voting trust.

Mr Smith said Mr Sindona had agreed and that he would ask Mr David Kennedy, former Secretary of the Treasury, and a director of one of Mr Sindona's holding companies, to be the trustee. Mr Smith added that "as trustee for the stock Mr Kennedy brings unquestioned integrity".

A big attempt is being made by the Controller of the Currency and the Fed to restore confidence in the Franklin. Bankers and the New York markets remain sceptical, however, and for them the most important factors will be the revised first-quarter earnings statement and the results of the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation.

Franklin originally reported that first-quarter net operating earnings had slumped 83 per cent to $582,000.

Germany buys US Treasury bills

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, May 23

Bankers in New York suggested today that West Germany had bought $600m (about £250m) of non-marketable Treasury Notes.

This could not be confirmed at government departments, but the purchase would be consistent with the West German Federal Bank's policies, which has made purchases on a similar scale in the past. The reports tended to boost Treasury Bill and Note prices here.

Federal Fund rates soared as it became increasingly evident that the Federal Reserve system is a large purchaser in the markets, after having greatly increased money market liquidity last week to aid the ailing Franklin National Bank and to ensure that excessively tight money conditions did not endanger other banks.

Car output slips

Disputes in the motor industry are blamed as the chief cause for the dip in car output in the United Kingdom last month to below the seasonally adjusted February and March levels. Weakness in demand at home and overseas also contributed to the fall off.

Recorded production of cars according to the Department of Industry was 115,328 in April, an average of 28,832 a week and 8 per cent lower than a year earlier, when output was also depressed.

Commercial vehicle production in April at 31,800—a weekly rate of 7,950—was the highest since December last year and 5 per cent more than April last year.

Aluminium spurt

There was a 10 per cent increase in world aluminium output in April compared with a year earlier. Production in the non-communist countries was 901,000 tonnes against 821,000 tonnes in April last year.

Launch delayed

Unofficial industrial action by boilermakers at Swan Hunter Shipbuilders delayed the launch of the supertanker Windsor Lion yesterday.

Freights up 10 pc

Increases of 10 per cent in freight tariffs will be implemented by member lines of the South and South East African Freight Conference in August this year. The lines blame continuous cost increases for the move.

Pacific shipping links

Ocean Group of Liverpool are having talks with Swedish and Norwegian interests to establish a 30-ship joint trans-Pacific service between North America and South-East Asia.

Mersey dock strike

The port of Liverpool was halted for four hours yesterday afternoon by a lightning unofficial strike of 5,800 dockers which kept 42 vessels, including 36 ocean-going freighters, idle on both banks of the Mersey.

Discussions on Skyship financing

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Plans for an airship weighing 800 tons constructed in the shape of a flying saucer were outlined in London yesterday.

Called the Skyship, it would cost up to £15m to build, would be powered by ten Rolls-Royce Tyne turboprop engines mounted around its 700 feet diameter hull, and would cruise at around 100 mph between 5,000 and 7,000ft.

Mr John West, a marine engineer, designed Skyship and a company called International Skyship (Transport) Ltd, has been established to oversee the commercial and operational aspects of this revolutionary craft.

Mr West said yesterday wind tunnel tests and feasibility studies had been successfully completed, while discussions over financial backing were going on with two companies.

Skyships would have as their lifting agent the inert gas helium. They have been designed mainly as bulk cargo carriers, able to lift a payload of 400 metric tons but, according to their developers, they would have important military uses.

One Skyship would be able to transport in a single lift two infantry battalions.

Italy's payments gap at record £1,305m

Rome, May 23.—Provisional figures published here show that Italy incurred a trade deficit for the first quarter of this year totalling 1,964,000m lire (£1,305m), writes John Earle.

This resulted from a 95 per cent rise in imports over the same period last year and a two-thirds rise in exports. For March alone, the trade gap was 760,000m lire.

Yarrow buys Swan Hunter repair yard

By Peter Hill

Dry docks which could be used for shipbuilding, and other facilities for possible work in connexion with North Sea oil developments have been acquired by Yarrow (Shipbuilders) on the upper Clyde from the Swan Hunter Group.

Yarrow has bought the ship repair yard occupied by Barclay Curle & Co at Elderslie for an undisclosed sum. About 800 workers employed at the repair yard will be offered employment with Yarrow—"in the most appropriate category"—at the same rates of pay and conditions as those of other Yarrow workers.

Swan Hunter stated that the sale would give better prospects of job continuity to the Barclay Curle workers. The yard had faced problems because of the decrease in the number of ships trading regularly to the Clyde.

A spokesman for Yarrow said the dry docks and considerable wharfage facilities—next to Yarrow's present yard—would be integrated into Yarrow and provide the company with fitting-out and docking capabilities suitable for its specialist shipbuilding activities.

"Also, it is possible that in the longer term one or more of the dry docks will be used for shipbuilding purposes. In addition, the company will now have scope to extend its operations into other activities including work connected with North Sea oil developments, should this be in the best interests of the company and its employees in future years," he added.

Swan Hunter made it clear yesterday that the change in ownership of the dry docks would not affect the Barclay Curle engine works at Whiteinch, a subsidiary of the Swan Hunter Group, which had a full order book for the main marine engines it manufactures.

Protest by record shops

By Patricia Tisdall

Independent record retailers are making a bitter protest against the price cut "war" launched by the W. H. Smith group, which has brought some prices down by more than 20 per cent.

Retailers say that WHS, whose reduced price drive was swiftly followed by Boots, are taking an unfair advantage of the Government's pressure on profits to squeeze out High Street competition.

Formal objections have been sent to Mr John Methven, the Director-General of Fair Trading, by the Gramophone Record Retailers Committee, the retailers arm of the Music Trades Association.

Mr Laurie Krieger, chairman of the committee and managing director of Harlequin Records which, with 52 shops, is the largest specialist record dealer, said yesterday that members feared that monopolistic situations could develop in certain towns.

Record manufacturers, too, are believed to be unhappy about the cuts. Talks are believed to be taking place between at least one big supplier and the WHS group. Manufacturers are anxious to prevent the war from spreading

After an emergency meeting the Gramophone Record Retailers Committee has sent protest letters to manufacturers saying that the cuts could be the beginning of a monopoly where the majority of sales are controlled by a handful of big retail companies.

Price panel no dictator, QC says

The Price Commission was described as only an "economic policeman" and was never intended to exercise powers of dictatorship over the whole economic life of the country.

This description was given in the High Court yesterday by Mr Leonard Lewis, QC, who was continuing his submissions on behalf of the General Electric Company and its subsidiaries. They are challenging the Price Commission's interpretation of the Price and Pay Code in relation to limiting profits.

Mr Lewis told Mr Justice Mocatta that the code was only a recommendation of the Treasury and had no legislative effect. Everybody was advised to observe the code and the purpose of the commission was to see that this was done. Its function was to stop an undue increase in prices.

The basis of the GEC's case against the commission is that in fixing a profits reference level, it wrongly took into account interest received on certain investments.

Mr Lewis said that since the acquisition of Associated Electrical Industries, and the merger with the English Electrical Co, there had been a substantial increase in the liquid assets of GEC.

In consequence, GEC had placed money on short deposit. They had acquired government and other dated securities. They had made loans to various companies.

The income amounting from these sources was £8,396,673 in the year ended March 31, 1973, compared with £1,432,454 in the previous year and would be substantially greater in the current year.

The hearing continues today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why UK reactors are failing to sell abroad

From Mr G. Gill

Sir, I refer to Mr Holder's letter (May 10) and whilst I agree with much he says, particularly in respect of safety, I still find it hard to understand the thought processes which would lead an overseas utility to choose SGHWR at this present time.

Many high-powered attempts, carrying full government backing, have been made to sell SGHWR abroad since the prototype at Winfrith operated successfully. I remember particularly Australia, Finland, South Africa and Greece where large teams were engaged for considerable periods.

All failed, and I believe the real reason to be because there was no representative prototype working at the 600MWe size the customer wished to buy.

I also find it difficult to believe that our technical credibility remains high enough, following our experience in trying to scale up the AGR, for any small overseas utility to be prepared at this time to purchase SGHWR merely because now, rather belatedly and reluctantly, our own utility is prepared to commence construction.

The overseas utility is in business to make money; he cannot afford to take even the slightest unnecessary risk. He requires the assurance of reliable cheap power delivered on time. At 300MWe and above the LWR are proven and cheaper. Long-term loan facilities are available. The fuel supply problem is similar, ie, requires importation of enriched uranium for SGHWR and LWR. Heavy water, however, represents a further import bill affecting balance of payments and is only applicable to the SGHWR.

What then is the incentive that drives the overseas utility to prefer SGHWR? Perhaps Mr Holder could enlarge on the "commercial and technical reasons" mentioned in his letter.

In eight to 10 years' time, if we have then built and proven a series of larger SGHWRs to modern safety standards, then we would I think assuming parity on price and commercial terms, be able to develop a market. In the meantime, if nuclear reactors are really economic down to 100MWe sizes against all fossil fuels, then surely the prototype at Winfrith is a good enough model for this size.

Fairey Engineering should be encouraged to take all the orders they can get at this size as an early success might well help to point the way in which the nuclear industry should be heading.

Yours faithfully,
G. GILL,
8 Saltram Road,
Farnborough,
Hampshire.
May 14.

Short address for a licence

From Mr Peter Davidson

Sir, Having incorrectly completed an application for the renewal of my driving licence, it was returned to me to alter. Thoughtfully, a printed return label was included in the envelope. It read:

M.2906 (*This number was in handwriting*),
The Licensing Branch,
Director-General's Department,
Greater London Council,
South West Area Office,
Park House,
165-177 The Broadway,
Wimbledon,
London, SW19 1NH.

My secretary tells me that, were this to be typed—as it must be many thousands of times a year—it would take 205 key impressions. Is this a record?

Ever willing to experiment, I spurned the return label and addressed an envelope to:

Driving Licences M2906,
London, SW19 1NH.

Since I now have my licence, we may assume my reply was sufficiently addressed. My shortened version took 39 key impressions—19 per cent of the original. I saved 81 per cent of the key impressions. Is this a record?

Yours faithfully,
P. DAVIDSON,
Avenue Général Lartigue 105,
Woluwé-St-Lambert,
1200 Bruxelles.

Confusion over foreign cheques

From Mr J. R. Wistow

Sir, The Business Diary entry of May 10 headed "Checking up" was a little confusing, especially when you attempted to explain the meaning of the word "protest" in connexion with the collecting of a foreign cheque.

Apparently a customer of a bank asked his branch to collect for him the proceeds of an American cheque. Among instructions that can be given to a bank collecting foreign paper is one concerning the protesting, and in countries with a British connexion, the noting of non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill of exchange or cheque.

This is a legal step whereby upon initial non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill, or cheque, a more formal presentation of it is made and a written declaration obtained usually by a notary public or some such person that the bill has been duly presented and payment or acceptance refused.

As can be seen this is an option open to the customer and can be an important one if further action is contemplated. It has nothing to do with bank or other charges.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. WISTOW,
Flat 10,
40 Putney Hill,
London, SW15.

Low cost pow high cost phor

From Mr R. A. Warren

Sir, At a time when ele prices are being debated, myself puzzling over the lying reasons behind th of certain public service

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Yours faithfully,
R. A. WARREN,
19 Rectory Road,
Farnborough, Hampshi

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From Mr James Joll

Sir, I would like to supp Joll's cogently argue against the proposed aggregation of children's from 1974-75 on (May 23).

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Yours faithfully,
JAMES JOLL,
2 Kensington Park Gard
London, W11.

BRITISH HOME STORES

SIR MARK TURNER, CHAIRMAN

'Real growth maintained'

	52 weeks to 30th March 1974 £'000	52 weeks to 31st March 1973 £'000	Increase %
Sales	121,021	98,940	22.3
Trading Profit	17,847	15,089	18.3
Profit before taxation	15,464	13,342	15.9
Dividends per ordinary share:			
Interim	2.7625p	2.45p*	
Final	3.6347p	3.7975p	
Total gross equivalent	9.3713p	8.925p	

(*adjusted for comparison)

Points from the Chairman's Statement

■ Although we have contained prices as much as possible, there is no doubt that inflation has been a major factor in the year's sales increase. The real volume growth of our turnover is probably in the region of 11 or 12%. In all the circumstances this still shows a highly satisfactory increase in our share of the market and in view of the relatively small effect of increased selling space, approximately 2%, confirms the trend of higher volume sales on existing counter footage.

■ During the current financial year new stores will be opened at Aberdeen, Grimsby, East Kilbride, Newcastle and Sutton Coldfield, the last two replacing existing stores, while several major extensions will be completed. Growth at about the same rate is planned over the coming years.

■ Our suppliers of goods and services have been experiencing similar difficulties to ourselves over the past year and in particular the three day week imposed great strain on them. Without exception they have risen to the occasion and we have nothing but praise for the way they have responded.

■ The results we have achieved in the difficult environment we have had to face has reinforced the confidence I have in those who work for us at all levels. I am concerned at the combined effects on staff generally, and on senior and middle management in particular, of prolonged salary curbs on the one hand and increases in personal taxation on the other. The permitted increases in salaries have failed to keep pace with the rising cost of living and the latest increase in taxation has left people who work long hours in a position where their take home pay today is worth far less than it was two years ago.

■ Counter inflationary legislation including arbitrary cuts in margins, increased taxation and rising costs have added to the problems we have to face. It is not the intention of our company to allow itself to be dominated by these adverse factors. We intend to expand our business, to increase our sales in real as well as money terms, and to achieve through continued economies and greater turnover a further improvement in our upward profit record.

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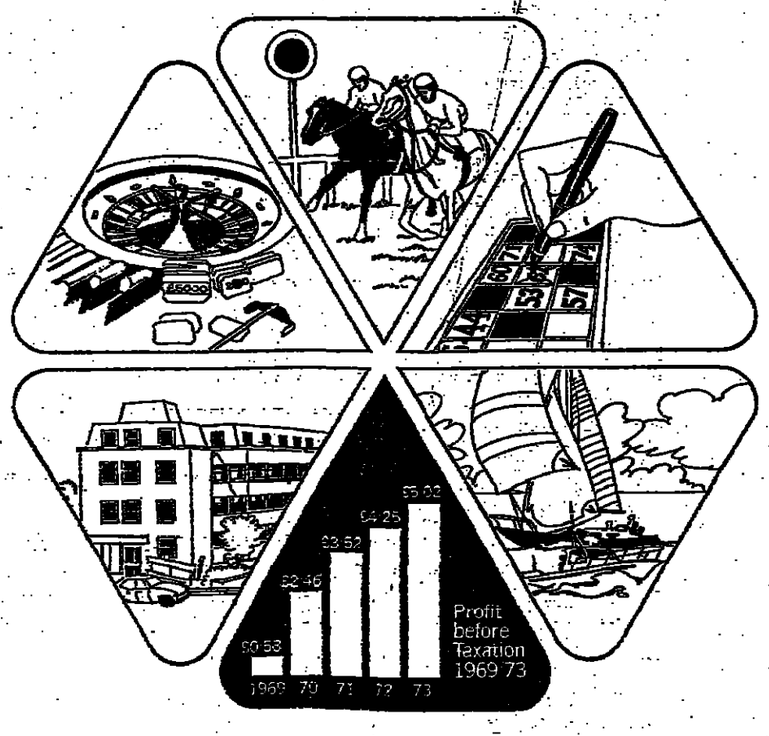
BRITISH HOME STORES

"As leisure time expands, so will the Coral Leisure Group."



Mark Lane, Chairman of J. Coral Holdings Ltd., speaks in his circulated statement of the benefits to the shareholder of the company's long term plans and its achievements for 1973.

"Bookmaking... Produced over £1m. of extra profit in 1973. Number of shops now 623. Turnover currently running at over £100m. a year."

"Casinos... Attendances running at highest-ever level. ...we feel hopeful of increasing the profits of this division in 1974."

"Bingo... A major new trading division which is already proving to be highly profitable."

"Property... First contribution from J. Coral Estates Ltd., in 1973 accounts. Mark Lane Investments Ltd., engaged on a number of projects, including prestige leisure development at Blackpool."

"New Ventures... Active investigation of projects abroad including developments in Madrid and the South of France."

J. Coral Holdings Ltd.

Parent company to the Coral Leisure Group

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Berkeley Square House, London W1X 5PE.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The defensive case for buying Beecham

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Lord Kearton, chairman of Courtaulds: making earlier profit predictions look conservative

taxed p/e ratio of 5.7 is taking a justifiably cautious view of 1974, and the implications for the textile cycle.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization, £293m
Sales, £957m (£777m)
Pre-tax profits, £116.3m (£68.2m)
Earnings per share, 31.050p (19.236p)
Dividend gross, 7.579p (7.219p)

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Lonrho

The course of commodities

Being so dependent upon the course of commodity prices, any projection of Lonrho's pre-tax profits for the current financial year must be a hazardous exercise. But there can be few complaints about the interim figures with profits up two-thirds to £16m, and progress apparently being experienced throughout the group, particularly in this country in shipping and textiles—a useful factor in terms of the remittability content.

Sugar contributed nothing in the second quarter—the usual seasonal pattern—but what does one make of an average world price last year of £99.62 a ton and the *expectation in some* quarters that the spot price could well reach £300 before the year is out, implying perhaps an average price well over £200, on Lonrho's increased production?

The half year also benefited from the strong copper and gold prices—the latter through the 45 per cent controlled Ashanti Goldfields while the half owned Western Platinumis built up productive capacity. And prospects for the Wankel engine now seem to have taken a turn for the better on the back of greater fuel economy being developed.

But profits performance is not the name of the game in *terms of the share price.* One must wait for recovery in status which will be reflected possibly by a meaningful institutional stake in the equity. And until this happens, little sustained upward movement is likely from the present 69p despite the 7 per cent yield and prospective p/e ratio of around 3.

Interim: 1973/74 (1972/73).
Capitalization £49.8m.
Sales £144m (£110m).
Pre-tax profits £16.0m (£9.6m).

Ozalid

Beating best expectations

Ozalid has lived up to its promise with a heady set of second-half figures that have left profits for 1973 27 per cent higher at £7.36m, comfortably above market targets of around £7m. Moreover, its view of current period prospects is less guarded than most; having come through the three-day week virtually intact thanks to standby power, it is once again budgeting for more profit, although significantly the growth is likely to come from overseas. That squares with the 1973 trend when overseas business accounted for 55 per cent of sales.

At home, margins were under pressure early on with Ozalid pointing out that there had been *no general price increases* for many of its reprographic products since the beginning of 1972. The prices logjam broke in the second half, however, and on the back of rapidly rising prices of, for instance, chemicals for sensitized paper, it reckons to have got increases averaging some 27 per cent since November. At the same time, chemical *formulations were changed to* adapt to new cost circumstances. If anything, the picture overseas has been somewhat more flexible.

The ambition, then, must be to hold margins at home and continue to fatten them up in overseas territories, and there is no reason why this should not be achieved

Not that Ozalid's defensive qualities have escaped the market's notice. With the shares at 175p, selling at 11 times historic earnings and yielding 4.1 per cent, the rating is suitably ambitious. One doubt, though, which the accounts will answer; liquidity may look slightly more strained than a year ago. It would not be surprising to see Ozalid going for a long-term funding operation.

Final: 1973 (1972)
Capitalization £40.9m
Sales £63.1m (£46.6m)
Pre-tax profits £7.36m (£5.79m)
Earnings per share 15.9p (13.5p)
Dividend gross 7.15p (6.82p)

Wedgwood

Demand remains strong

Wedgwood had a strong final quarter with profits going ahead by 42 per cent against a sales rise of 25 per cent, and this seems to point to improvements at one or more of the three loss-makers—Royal Tuscan, Wedgwood Glass and Crown Staffordshire. Moreover, that final quarter gain would have been 72 per cent but for the fact that currency profits have been added to the 1972-73 pre-tax figure which has been restated from £2.53m.

Overall, the prospect for Wedgwood this year is mixed. Demand remains good, particularly in the all-important North American markets. Almost two thirds of total sales are exported, although just how much longer these overseas markets will absorb cost increases which *cannot be recovered in the* United Kingdom is an open *question.*

In addition to raw material *cost problems, such as* china clay, china stone, bone and glazes, Wedgwood now faces difficulty obtaining supplies for the first time in many years. How much this affects the picture for the current year should become clearer when the annual report is made. Meanwhile, the shares at 110p where the historic p/e ratio is 5½, look fairly valued against the market. The dividend is covered 7.2 times by net earnings and offers a yield of only 3.75 per cent so there is *no reason to hold* the shares on income grounds either.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £12.9m
Sales £29.2m (£23.1m)
Pre-tax profits £4.24m (£2.74m)
Earnings per share 19.97p (14.68p)
Dividend gross 4.135p (3.938p)

'Thresholds' of hyper-inflation or cost of living safeguards

THE RPI-THRESHOLD-RPI CIRCUS

1 Month	2 RPI at 1.23% per month from April (Jan '62 = 100)	3 Percent rise over October 72 less 6 percent threshold	4 Threshold payment in month per man per week		5 Numbers eligible[2]	6 Effect on Dec 1 '74 RPI[1]	7 Effect on June '75 RPI[1]
April	202.1*	3%	June	120p	6.9m	0.49%	0.66%
May	204.6	4%	July	40p	7.1m	0.13%	0.20%
June	207.2	5%	Aug	40p	7.3m	0.11%	0.19%
July	209.8	7%	Sept	80p	7.5m	0.17%	0.35%
Aug	212.4	8%	Oct	40p	7.7m	0.06%	0.16%
Sept	215.1	10%	Nov	80p	7.9m	0.06%	0.29%
Oct	217.7	11%	Dec	40p	8.1m	0.00%	0.12%
			Cumulated effect on R.P.I.			1.02%	1.97%

* Estimated
1. On assumptions that 1 per cent rise in national average wages (in excess of increase in productivity) adds 0.6 per cent to RPI in 6 months and 0.8 per cent in 12 months and that average wage in April of men and women eligible was £42 per week.
2. Present total plus conservative estimate of future threshold settlements.
3. Allowing for minimal feed-back effect of early threshold payments.

Peter Jay asks if threshold agreements will start a limitless inflationary spiral

The threshold "clock", as it is known in Whitehall, reaches *zero hour today*. All the indications are that it will trigger a double, if not indeed a triple, detonation in the form of automatic pay increases at the end of next week for those who have taken advantage of this provision of the Phase Three pay code.

Specifically, if the retail price index (RPI) for April to be published later today reaches 198.4 per cent, it will trigger a 40p a week rise for those covered by threshold clauses. If it reaches 200.3 it will trigger an 80p a week rise; and if it reaches 202.1, it will trigger a £1.20p a week rise.

Best guesses put the *outcome* very close to 202.1, partly because *the April figure* is always boosted exceptionally by the annual increase in local authority rates.

The crucial question for policy at this moment—and looking ahead to the Government's preparations for a non-statutory successor to Phase Three as a main instrument of pay restraint and therefore of inflation control—*is whether the* threshold mechanism is indeed an infernal machine for accelerating the process whereby pay and prices chase each other round the limitless spiral of cost inflation. If it is such a menace, what can be done to dismantle it before hyper-inflation is upon us?

As a mechanism for accelerating the pay-price spiral, *threshold agreements* turn out on examination to be surprisingly inefficient, at least as provided for in the Phase Three pay code. First, prices have to rise 6 per cent before the cost of living feed-back effect on pay begins to operate (up to 40p per week for every 1 per cent beyond the 6 per cent).

Secondly, there is about a *seven-week lag between prices* reaching a particular level (and *even that is only taken to the* nearest whole percentage point *below the actual rise* recorded, although the RPI itself may be rounded up as well as down) and pay being affected. Indeed, for monthly-paid staff the delay is over 10 weeks.

Thirdly, 40p is by now significantly below 1 per cent of the national average wage for men (now close to £50 per week), although since it is also payable for women where employees have been able to make such arrangements with the employers, it may not be much below average earnings of men and women. In practice, however, it *appears that employers have* resisted full threshold adjust*ment clauses at 40p* a week for women and for others paid *markedly* below £40 a week.

Fourthly, threshold agree*ments have been extended* to a mere fraction of the total labour force—6.9 million on the latest official estimate. But some qualified observers believe this to be a serious underestimate because many threshold arrangements are not reported to the Pay Board.

Fifthly, a 1 per cent rise in pay costs, even where it is on top of principal *settlements in* excess of productivity gains, *have a less than 1 per cent effect* on prices in the short term—*estimated* by Tim Congdon in this space on April 19 at about *0.6 per cent.*

In the long-term, of course, a 1 per cent "excess rise" in labour costs should add something very close to 1 per cent to prices in a closed economy and in an open economy it should add a fraction of 1 per cent to prices equivalent to the share of home production in home sales—about 0.8 per cent in the United Kingdom.

This assumes that indirect *taxation, profits, rents (and* indeed depreciation) adjust to *maintain a constant proportion* of total income and total costs. In theory the operation of the price code may be thought to be likely to frustrate such adjustment. But it seems unlikely that real profit margins can be squeezed significantly further than they already have been by the operation of the price code as such.

Sixthly, the Phase Three *clock stops in October 1974.* One of the necessary conditions for threshold agreements not to be counted against the permissible limits for principal settlements is that "the arrangement runs for not more than 12 months from the date of publication of the the RPI figure for October *1973" (Price and Pay Code,* para 176(ii)).

The RPI figure for October 1974 is due to be published *towards the end of next* November; and therefore the last Phase Three threshold payments will be due at the end of the first week in December (or, for monthly paid staff, at the end of December).

When these frictions, leakages and delays are taken together, it is possible to estimate very roughly what the once-and-for-all impact of Phase Three thresholds on the RPI by the end *of this year and* by the *middle* of next year might be.

The precision in the table is entirely spurious, being the product of many *approximations*; but it suggests a very modest order of magnitude indeed.

Even this overstates the true impact of threshold clauses on the RPI, although the effect on industry's unit costs and so possibly on the competitiveness of exports and all will be more serious.

First, no allowance is made in the calculation for the fact that principal settlements may well have been lower because of the availability of threshold clauses —*or more strictly the previous* Government might have felt *obliged to draw the terms of* Phase Three for principal settlements even more loosely than they did, had they not felt able to permit threshold clauses.

Secondly, no allowance is made for the impact of threshold agreements during 1974 on the next round of principal settlements next winter.

Officially, much importance is attached to this point. The argument is that the traditional trade union negotiation starts with a demand for an increase *to cover the cost of living rise* during the current settlement. *This time employers will be* able with chapter and verse to demonstrate—to those who have been covered by threshold agreements—that all but 6 per cent of that potentially very large rise has already been paid "on account".

Thirdly, had no other inflationary forces been at work (or only to the extent of 6.9 per cent a year), the threshold clauses would not have been triggered at *all and there would still have* been the gain of lower principal *settlements.*

Certainly that gamble has failed spectacularly, as *has the* 3½ per cent growth assumption which the previous Government took when deciding the terms of Phase Three.

But the consequential damage is very limited compared with the basic forces—rising import prices and excessive principal pay settlements—which have *already produced such a sharp* rate of inflation, including much that is still in the pipeline between costs and prices (hence in part the rapid continuing rate of growth in the RPI *this year* assumed in the table).

What then follows for policy? On the one hand, there is no crisis necessity to suspend by law the operation of those *threshold agreements which* have been and may yet be negoti*ated during Phase Three. On the* other hand it is probably desirable to discourage the wide application of threshold clauses in future years.

One should not be dogmatic about this last point. If, for example, the Government thought it faced a choice between, say, pure indexing with no principal settlements, threshold agreements triggered at X per cent (up to the going inflation rate) with maximum principal settlements of (X-1) per cent or *principal settlements above* the going rate of inflation with*out any cost of* living adjustments thereafter, then the Chancellor would probably prefer either of the first two alternatives.

But there are serious inherent disadvantages in threshold clauses which make them undesirable unless a clear and unmistakable *quid pro quo* in terms of restraint over principal pay settlements is available.

For one thing, as Mr Healey has already complained in the Budget (and more expressively in private), threshold clauses embarrass short-term demand management, for example by making it difficult for the *Treasury to raise indirect taxes* during the currency of the threshold "clock".

For another thing, threshold clauses contribute to breaking down "money illusion" and therefore to accelerating the rate at which pay chases the last price increases and *brings on* the next ones. It may also accelerate the rate at which employers pass pay increases *through to prices.*

Whereas total indexing of pay without any principal settlements can be actually counter-inflationary, total indexing of principal settlements which are in themselves excessive in relation to productivity is the greatest engine of inflation that can be imagined.

It may be argued that "money illusion" is already in such tatters that nothing can damage it *further. But while people have* widely come to recognize the *fact of rapid inflation*, they are still slow to acknowledge the implications for themselves and their pay of *accelerating* inflation. Anything which lubricates the process of pay-price causality must, *Ceteris paribus*, exacerbate inflation.

The crucial question for Phase Four—or the social compact or whatever it is to be called—is, of course, whether the total level of pay settlements under it will be such as to enable the going rate of inflation to begin to moderate. If it does not, the outlook for social democracy as *well as for the economy will be* ineffable. If it does, another *chance to avoid self-destruction* may be afforded.

For the going rate of inflation to moderate it will be necessary *for pay settlements to run* significantly below the sum of the rate of inflation plus the going rate of productivity growth. Because productivity gains are now so doubtful, the going rate of inflation offers the safest maximum for pay settlements including *the effects of any future indexation* of threshold agreements.

To achieve that, the Government's contributions to the social *contract will have to be given* great weight, not just by the TUC, but also and much more importantly by work forces on the shopfloor. If threshold payments under Phase Three are accepted as payments on account against price rises in 1974, there is a chance that the gamble could work.

All of this ignores the important question of the level of economic activity next winter. If there is a *huge rise in* unemployment, as some of the *best forecasters in the country* still strongly predict, then *trade union* "goodwill" may evaporate sharply—though if the rise in unemployment was big enough so also might their determination in pay negotiations.

If, despite rising unit costs inflated by threshold payments, the hoped-for export "miracle" takes the place of home demand and moderates the recession, then we shall see a decisive test of whether "goodwill" in a fairly tight labour market can yield restraint in pay—a restraint moreover which will mean that for the second year running the average man will enjoy no real increase in his standard of living at all and very possibly a net reduction over the two years 1974 and 1975.

Business Diary: City grime • Of arms and the chairman

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ing Mansion first, and in rticular order *of scruffi-* there is the Overseas ers' Club, Lothbury, *Basil-* House, Moorgate, the t Lyonnais, *Lombard* t, and the National Safe *sit in Great Victoria Street.*

e Bankers' Clearing House ng William Street receives honourable mention, as does *Guardian Royal Exchange in* same thoroughfare. At s Exam House, Great Tower t, HM Customs and Excise ought to be the shame of Street.

e Guildhall Library is said d, and there are good words for the Post e Corporation's fastnesses *in St Martin's le Grand* or in King Edward Street. Mincing Lane has grey areas, the Cory Building exterior in Fenchurch Street definitely belongs to the age of steam and an appropriately Calvinist gloom pervades the Royal Bank of Scotland in Bishopsgate.

Sanctity is sullied by the hangdog look of St Stephen's, Walbrook, by St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street, St Andrew and St Catherine, Leadenhall Street and by St Martin's, Ludgate Hill.

All these are set a poor example by the *Houses of Parliament*, with the Lords as grubby as the *Commons, while even* St James's Palace could do with some *loving-care.*

With the City fathers constantly *telling* us that their parish has never been more the *cynosure* of all eyes, they seem to tolerate a remarkable amount *of grime.* It's all a far cry from the time described by Thackeray in his paper on Great City Snobs, when gentlemen wanting change for a guinea would have it brought in washed silver.

Engine test

Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman both of *Hill Samuel and of* Rolls-Royce (1971) Limited, is in the United States and *may* therefore only yesterday have caught up with *reports* of Tuesday's dogfight in the Commons on the sale of *arms to Chile.* On that day, the Prime Minister said that *Rolls-Royce* would "at the Government's request" pull out of contracts with the Chilean Air Force for the overhaul of aero engines and the supply of engine spares.

Dennis Landau: new boy makes good

Sir Kenneth, wearing his Rolls-Royce hat, recently addressed the British Institute of Management in Derby, Rolls-Royce's home town, and after referring to the inadvisability of "serious cuts" in defence procurement, went on as follows:

"There is another area that worries me and that is the way customer nations fall in and out of favour when either they or we have governmental changes. If we black equipment or forbid exports because some people do not like a particular regime it can affect not only that particular order but a lot of other orders, too.

"Customers, whatever their domestic political set-up, require reliability of delivery from their supplier, and they do not expect sudden changes in political control *at home or abroad* to affect these deliveries."

Presumably Sir Kenneth is now making up his mind whether he, as Rolls-Royce chairman, also expects deliveries to be affected by sudden changes, and if he does not, what he ought to be doing about it. Sir Kenneth is, so far, resolutely unavailable for comment.

Pet pests

East Grinstead, for those who do not know the place, is a name *redolent of Beryl Maudling's* pet theatre, the Adeline Genee, *and of the baleful maunderings* that issue forth from the local Scientology headquarters.

However, there is also the odd chuckle to be had from another East Grinstead source, the Felcourt Laboratories of Rentokil, the pest control firm which went public in 1969.

The firm's experts on the common furniture beetle were recently asked to fumigate a harp at the request of its owner, a lady who said she needed it on a journey she was about to make. A Rentokil spokesman said yesterday that the staff hoped the destination she arrived at was the one she was aiming for.

One other recent job was the treatment for the same pest of a music cabinet, part of whose contents turned out to be the sheet music for a ditty entitled *Little Creatures Everywhere.*

The lab staff now have the pleasant duty of informing a 19-year-old Sheffield typist that the holes peppering the four-inch heels of her platform shoes are not *those made by the kind* of bug that would later move on *to the serious business of the* floorboards of her home.

The shoes, which cost £5.99 and came from Spain, were *apparently afflicted not with the* furniture beetle but with Ambrosia beetle. This, apparently, feeds on the fungus growing on the new wood and dies off with it.

Outsider in

Dennis Landau, who is to be second-in-command to Arthur Sugden, chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, is, unusually for a top CWS man, an "outsider".

Like Marks and Spencer, the CWS usually cherishes long-serving members. Sugden, for instance, succeeds Alfred Wilson, who retires next month after 5½ years as chief executive but after 51 years with the society.

Landau joined CWS three years ago—by the society's standards, a bit of an eyelash. He had, however, put in a respectable 20-year apprenticeship with Schweppes and by the time he *joined CWS was a* highly-regarded director of Cadbury Schweppes.

Controller of the society's food division, 47-year-old Landau is a member of the Metrication Board and of the executive of the Food Manufacturers' Federation.

Preliminary Announcement

COURTAULDS

Profit and Dividend 1973/74

The results for the year to March show record exports, record capital investment, record total sales, and record profits. The Group made a net contribution of £155m. to the the U.K. current balance of payments from its own exports and overseas earnings after allowing for its own imports and other foreign exchange costs.

The detailed figures are:

	Year to 31st March 1974 £m.	Year to 31st March 1973 £m.	Increase %
World Sales to External Customers	956.8	777.1	23
Exports from United Kingdom	217.8	145.4	50
Profit before Taxation (after depreciation £41.9m. – 1973 £37.0m.)	116.3	68.2	71
Profit after Taxation	89.4	55.9	60
Courtaulds Shareholders' Interest	84.1	52.2	61
	P/Share	P/Share	
Earnings per Ordinary Share	31.050	19.236	

Expenditure on new assets in the year amounted to £90.7m. (1973 £38.8m.).

The improved results derive substantially from the increased volume of sales, especially exports at profitable prices, and from overseas activities. Sales in the U.K. were up by 13% and those of overseas companies by 25%.

Taxation amounted to £26.9m. (1973 £12.3m.), including £12.2m. abroad (1973 £8.0m.) and £3.2m. of Advance Corporation Tax (1973 £4.2m.).

The Board intends to recommend a final dividend of 3.441p per 25p Ordinary Share, which together with the imputed tax credit is equivalent to a gross dividend of 5.136p making a total of 7.579p for the year. Under the Government's Counter-Inflation regulations this is the maximum permitted. It compares with 7.219p in 1972/73. The cost of the Ordinary and Preference dividends is £14.1m. (1973 £15.5m.) after deducting Advance Corporation Tax of £6.6m. (1973 on final only £4.2m.).

The accounts will be posted on 24th June 1974 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 17th July 1974.

The Ordinary Final Dividend will be paid (if approved) on 25th July to shareholders on the register on 23rd May 1974.

L. R. Croydon
Secretary.

Courtaulds Limited
23rd May 1974
18 Hanover Square, London W1A 2BB.

Base Rate change

Barclays Bank International Limited announces that with effect from 23rd May 1974 its Base Rate was decreased from 12½% to 12% per annum.

The basic interest rate for deposits will remain at 9½% per annum.

BARCLAYS International

The British Investment Trust

Highlights from the Report and Accounts for the Year to 31st March 1974.

Year to 31st March	Total Assets £	Total Revenue £	Earnings %	Dividend %	Asset Value * per Ord. Share
1967	56,400,000	2,097,000	12.30	12	89p
1968	82,300,000	2,442,000	12.66	12½	129p
1969	106,800,000	2,695,000	13.06	13	168p
1970	96,300,000	3,145,000	13.76	13½	144½p
1971	96,900,000	3,411,000	15.13	14½	146p
1972	134,200,000	3,568,000	15.97	15½	206½p
1973	134,000,000	3,923,000	16.02	16½	202p
			(net)	(net)	
1974	105,600,000	4,793,000	14,79	12½ + 1½	148½p

* Before conversion of Convertible Debenture Stocks

REVENUE

Total Revenue includes £220,000 of U.K. dividends deferred from the previous year as well as unusually large amounts of short term deposit interest.

Earnings and Dividends this year are declared net. Earnings of 14.79% net compare with an approximate equivalent net figure of 11.2% for last year.

Dividends of 12½% net have been declared for the year compared with the approximate equivalent of 11½% net last year. In addition a special non-recurring dividend of 1½% net has been declared. As a result the dividend rate has more than doubled over the past ten years.

CAPITAL

The fall in U.K. markets during the year accounts for by far the largest part of the reduction in Total Assets. Properties have shown only a modest fall in value by comparison.

Oil and oil service companies now make up more than 12% of the portfolio and include major positions in leading North Sea participants such as Halliburton and Burmah Oil.

The Net Asset Value has fallen by 26%, but is still 88% above the 1964 figure.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Only nominal dividend increases can be expected from U.K. companies in the current year, however dividends from overseas should show further increases and interest rates are likely to continue at a high level.

Overall we are confident that we will be able to maintain our basic dividend rate of 12½% for the current year.

In the U.K. a prolonged period of uncertainty for industry and the stock market is indicated. Nevertheless high quality, well managed companies should in the longer term reward the patient investor.

In North America most of our investments are still producing excellent figures. With many leading growth companies selling at historically cheap levels the potential stock market recovery is attractive.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from The Secretary, The British Investment Trust Limited, 46 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3BR.

INTERIM STATEMENT

LONRHO

HALF-YEARLY RESULTS

The unaudited results of the Lonrho Group of companies in respect of the six months ended 31st March, 1974 are as follows:-

	Six months ended 31st March, 1974 £ million	1973 £ million	Year ended 30th Sept., 1973 £ million
Turnover	**144.3**	**110.4**	**235.95**
Profit before Taxation:			
Group	12.7	8.2	23.93
Associates	3.3	1.4	5.44
	16.0	**9.6**	**29.37**
Taxation	8.2	5.2	14.04
Profits after Taxation	7.8	4.4	15.33
Minority Interests	3.0	1.2	4.14
Profit attributable to Lonrho shareholders (before extraordinary items)	**4.8**	**3.2**	**11.19**

Cheapside House, London, EC2V 6BL

23rd May, 1974

FINANCIAL NEWS

Housing slump brings prospect of 'appalling' year for London Brick

By David Mott

The full implications of the slump in housebuilding on the industry's major suppliers were brought into sharp focus yesterday by Sir Ronald Stewart, chairman of London Brick Company, when he spoke to shareholders at the annual meeting.

The company faces an "extremely poor" first half to be followed by a "most disappointing" year, Sir Ronald said. Brick deliveries were substantially down on last year; production has had to be cut (partly by phasing out old plant); and unless there was a marked improvement in housebuilding over the next few weeks more substantial and damaging cuts in production appeared inescapable.

He told shareholders that the company had never known a position quite as bad as this. The first quarter had shown a fall of 46 per cent in housing starts and 1974 was likely to be an appalling year for housing. If present estimates proved correct only 245,000 houses would be started —83,000 down on last year and 105,000 less than in 1972.

In addition to all this cuts in government expenditure on other public sector work were beginning to bite, and would do so increasingly, while Government exhortation and money to local authorities was unlikely to bring a substantial improvement in the start of schemes this year. This left commercial and industrial building as the only sector where conditions were reasonably buoyant.

The financial implication for the company's margins and cash flow were serious and price control was making the position even more difficult. Following the approval of a 3 per cent price rise in February a further application is to be made.

Sir Ronald said even a small improvement in housebuilding would greatly assist the company and he saw the immediate task as weathering the present storm. Last year pre-tax profits grew from £7.6m to £8.9m. The shares fell by 4½p yesterday to close at 40p.

Results

Assoc Eng go over forecast

Though showing a drop from £3.91m to £3.03m in pre-tax profit for the opening half, Associated Engineering has performed much better than expected two months ago when it forecast the outturn at some £2.25m. Turnover for the period rose 16 per cent to £77.97m. Net profit sagged from £2.15m to £1.4m and the "attributable" from £1.93m to £1.2m. The interim dividend is 1.37p against 1.31p.

Exports in the latest half increased 28 per cent and sales of overseas companies at the same rate. Combined, they represent some 39 per cent of total turnover.

As expected, profits were affected by the power strike and heavy costs incurred in minimizing the effects of restrictions, while interest payments rose from £1.39m to £1.99m. However, current indications are that second-half profits should match the £4.75m for the corresponding period. If this is the case, the total dividend will be maintained.

J. & J. Dyson slips

On turnover up 10 per cent to £8.56m for the six months to September 30, J. & J. Dyson, makers of refractory materials, turns in taxable profit down from £606,000 to £371,000, accompanied by a forecast of full-time earnings slightly above £1m compared with £1.41m. Two damaging influences were the oil price increases and the miners' strike. On the brighter side, order books are full for domestic customers and for export. As known, the interim dividend is maintained at 1.87p.

£1.7m by Hay's Wharf

With the smoke from the abortive bid from St Martins Property Corporation still lingering, the board of Proprietors of Hay's Wharf has taken stock of the group's trading progress and found that interim taxable profits are slightly higher than budgeted levels.

The pre-tax is up from £1.49m to a record £1.73m, while the attributable stands at £1.17m, against £933,000. The gross interim dividend rises from 1.83p to 1.93p. The capital development time-table is being adhered to; the only hitch seems to be at the redevelopment in Tooley Street, where publication of the planning briefs has been delayed.

Armitage Shanks

Had it not been for the £315,000 reduction in second-half profits caused by the national emergency, profits of the Armitage Shanks Group for the period would, as predicted, have beaten the £1.94m achieved after six months. In the event, £1.88m was brought in, giving the group a record outturn of £3.8m, against £3.4m. Turnover went ahead from £20.4m to £22.9m. The dividend is raised from 7p to 9.17p as forecast.

Record interim profit from Stenhouse

Growing from £2.19m to a record £2.25m after six months Stenhouse Holdings, the insurance and industrial group, says the benefits of its merger with Reed Shaw Osler, of Canada, are now beginning to emerge and profits will continue to grow beyond the original projections, particularly in the United Kingdom.

After an extraordinary debit of £218,000 (£121,000 credit) earnings a share stay at 3p. Total insurance broking profits rose from £2.86m to £3.67m with £2m (£1.57m) attributable to Stenhouse Holdings. On the industrial side the three-day week took its toll and profits were down from £697,000 to £474,000.

J. Brockhouse

Taxable profits of J. Brockhouse, the West Bromwich-based engineering group, nearly doubled from £505,000 to £1m in the half year to March 31. Turnover was up by 27 per cent, from £17.5m to £22.1m. The board believes that second half results will be at least equal to those of the first, indicating a record £2m pretax.

Exchange Telegraph

Another record year has been achieved by the Exchange Telegraph (Holdings) group. Turnover for 1973-74 rose from £10.5m to £11.05m while taxable profits reached £1.81m, against £1.79m.

Net profits are down from £1m to £896,000 before adding extraordinary items of £479,000, against £31,000. These last are profits arising from the sale of leases and a subsidiary.

Pritchard Services

Although the overseas expansion of the Pritchard Services Group is still in its infancy, it has helped the group to withstand difficult trading conditions and depressed profits from United Kingdom building cleaning. Following the interim rise in profits from £563,000 to £626,000, the group has achieved a 10 per cent increase to a record £1.48m for 1973.

Turnover is up from £18.6m to £26.8m, and earnings a share are down from 3.33p to 2.76p after adjusting for scrip.

Brunning foiled

The Brunning Group of advertising agents hoped to sustain profits for 1973-74 at around last year's £729,000. In the even, after an 8.7 per cent rise at mid-term the second half succumbed to the economic crisis, which pushed profits for the half down by 16.3 per cent to £350,000 and the year's figures by 5.6 per cent to £688,000.

Huge interim rise at Associated Fisherie

By Our Financial Staff

Reporting a huge half-year increase in pre-tax profits from £1.75m to £4.99m for the period ended March 31, Mr Paul Tapscott chairmen of Associated Fisheries, says that all group divisions contributed to this result.

Sales rose from £30.7m to £37.8m, reflecting buoyant market conditions in the market for fish.

However, Mr Tapscott anticipates some slowing down of the growth rate over the rest of the year which will bear the main burden of what he terms "immense inflation of costs" including an increased fuel oil cost of £1.5m.

Associated Fisheries, with a fleet of 148 trawlers, is the United Kingdom's largest trawling group. Mr Tapscott emphasized the importance of government action on building grants, which remained suspended adequate explanation.

"If the British fishi try is to be kept at an size and competitive wit fleets this is a matter national importance".

CRODA INTERNATIO

In spite of energy cr figures for first qua good and Mr F. Wood. say he will be most dis if group does not hav other successful year. there is no guaran growth will continue rate and at this stage say what 1974 outcom

FRANK GATES

Taxable profits up fro to £514,000 last year. share were 15p (16.6p).

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Cline Road, New Southg London N11 2NA

Extracts from the Annual Report for 1973, by the Chairman Mr. Gerald Fogel, J.P.

Group Turnover up 28% to £5,640,7 Pretax Profits up 37% to £482,083 Equivalent Gross Dividend 37%

(28% last year)

The results are extremely gratifying considering abnormally uneven pattern of trading during 1973: S were buoyant for the first quarter, but following introduction of VAT it was not until the last quarter sales returned to their normal trading pattern.

Larger units were opened, though trading in some deferred, and smaller and less profitable units were sold profit. Resultant net increase of selling area was approx ately 48,000 sq. ft.

The substantially higher stock reflected in Accounts helped us take maximum advantage of increa demand in the first quarter of 1974, for sales were wel on last year despite the State of Emergency.

With the continued rise in labour costs, more pec are carrying out their own home improvements. Y Board are actively seeking suitable new units from wh to retail the ever-increasing range of D.I.Y. produ

TEXAS Homecare Centres

Coutts & Co

Messrs. Coutts & Co. announce that, for balances in their books on and afte the 23rd May, 1974 and until further notice, their Base Rate for lending is 12% per annum.

The Deposit Rate on monies subject t seven days' notice of withdrawal is as follows:

Balances under £10,000. 9½% per ar

Balances of £10,000 and over 10½% per

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The sale of these Notes has been arranged privately by the undersigned.

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National Westminster Bank

Rate Changes

National Westminster Bank announces that for balances in its books from and including Thursday 23rd May, 1974, its **Base Rate** for lending is reduced from 12½% to 12% per annum and its **Deposit Rate** for balances of £10,000 or more is reduced from 11% to 10½% per annum.

All other Rates, including its 7 day Deposit Rate for balances below £10,000 remains unchanged.

Erith & COMPANY LIMITED BUILDERS' MERCHANTS

Annual General Meeting 23rd May, 1974
The Chairman, Mr. E. J. Erith reported:

		1971	1972	1973
Group Sales	£000's	7,550	8,863	10,902
Group Profit	£000's	445	765	870
Dividend (Gross) per Share unit*	pence	5.00	5.25	5.5125

*Adjusted.

Review of 1973. Trading Profit was again at a record level and our future prospects were enhanced by the purchase of two additional builders' merchants businesses. There has been considerable capital expenditure on premises which is contributing to the increase in profitable ex-stock trade. These achievements reflect great credit on the staff in the often difficult conditions prevailing in the building industry.

Prospects for 1974. Sales for the first four months are well beyond our expectations, considering the economic climate and the effects of shortages caused by the three-day week. This trend continues and at present there is no indication that it will not, there should be a satisfactory increase in Trading Profit in 1974. The Parent Company and Subsidiaries including the new acquisition, are all contributing to this result. Subject to unforeseen circumstances the Dividend will be increased up to Statutory limitations.

Erith & Co. Ltd., Builders Merchants
Head Office: 530 High Road, Leytonstone
London E11 3EQ.

The Royal Bank of Scotland
INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from **24th May 1974** its base rate for lending is being reduced from 12½ per cent per annum to **12 per cent per annum.**

The maximum rate of interest allowed on deposits lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will continue at **9½ per cent** per annum for balances under **£10,000** and is being reduced from **11 per cent** per annum to **10½ per cent** per annum on balances of **£10,000** and over.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited, Head Office, P.O. Box 31, 42 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YE.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Lesney is kept at full stretch

Though Lesney Products achieved record sales of £24m last year, it failed by a wide margin to meet orders, Mr Paul Tapscott, chairman, writes.

This was caused by shortages of labour and production facilities as well as by external strikes. Long-term plans will require an additional, major production complex and the method of financing this is being studied. But Mr Tapscott asks how long shareholders will accept an "inadequate" return because of dividend restraint.

Lesney's return on capital was 20 per cent last year, but its property throughout the world is being revalued and (because of the higher depreciation) the return on capital will be "depressed substantially".

Products have been "repriced" to cover steep increases in material costs. Orders are at a record, every plant should be fully employed throughout this year and "further progress" should be achieved in results.

Turner & Newall

The three day week did not quite take the toll of Turner & Newall's profits that was feared. The first three months show a 45 per cent fall in trading profits, while overseas operations are, as expected, up one third. Total trading profits are down by 12 per cent but this does not take account of special items and dividends from associated companies.

On the present position, the chairman, Mr Ralph Bateman says that exports continue to be the bright spot, while at home material and labour shortages, plus the effect of price controls on margins, cast a shadow. However, the outlook for the full year is "quite favourable".

Weather claims on Phoenix

The recent floods in Australia are expected to cost Phoenix Assurance about £450,000 this year. And the tornadoes in the United States could possibly involve the company in a further £800,000.

Viscount De L'Isle told the annual meeting that the nature of the company's business was such that extraordinary losses from climatic causes must be expected now and again. He said it was too early to forecast the effect on results for the year.

Baxters' fine finish

Just over two weeks ago Brooke Bond Liebig made an agreed takeover bid for Baxters (Butchers) and Baxters reveal record turnover and profits for 1973-74. The group's full taxable profit has bounded 58.8 per cent from £1.26m to £2m. Turnover went up from £27.37m to £36.2m. A second interim of 2.63p has been declared making the year's total 4.13p (3.93p). A revaluation of group properties shows a surplus of £4.6m.

GILL & DUFFUS
For 1973 turnover was £284.5m and still higher figure expected for 1974; group moving away from dependence on cocoa.

WEIR GROUP
Some improvement is seen for 1973, but first half will not be good.

BRIDON
Mr Harry Smith, told shareholders that in spite of restrictions on power supplies, results for first quarter were better than for same period in 1973.

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS
Mr David Greig told shareholders that report and accounts showed greater achievement. Results for first quarter ahead of those for same period last year.

Issues & Loans

Success for York Water preferred

Following the poor response to the most recent water company issues, the £1m 10 per cent offering of redeemable preference stock 1979 by York Waterworks Co. has got away with considerable success.

Applications were made for £3.77m of stock, and, against a minimum tender price of £100 per cent, the lowest price to obtain a partial allotment was £101.75.

The average price obtained was £102.3. Brokers to the issue were Seymour, Pierce and dealings will start today.

Eurobond prices midday indicators

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
Alcoa 8½% 1988	88	89
American Motors 8% 1985	91½	93
Anglo-American 7½% 1987	70	80½
Ashland 8% 1987	73	74
Austrevern 8% 1987	65¾	67¾
BICC 7¾% 1987	70½	72½
Blue Bell 8¼% 1987	81½	83½
Bristol Myers 8% 1987	82	84
British Steel Corp 8¾% 1989	88½	90½
Burlington 7¾% 1987	86¼	87¼
Cadbury 7¾% 1990	70	72
Carrier 8% 1987	86½	87½
Colombia 8¼% 1988	91	93
Cons Foods 7¾% 1991	82¾	83¾
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾% 1987	83¾	84¾
Coventry 8¾% 1981	93½	94½
Coventry 8¾% 1986	90	91
Cummins Tokyo 8¾% 1988	93¼	93¾
Cutler Hammer 8% 1987	87¼	88¼
Dana 8% 1987	87½	88½
Denmark Kingdom 7¾% 1990	85½	86¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾% 1991	83¼	84¼
Dundee 9¼% 1983	95¼	96¼
Escom 9¼% 1989	95¼	96¼
EIB 8¾% 1989	93	94
Eurofima 8¼% 1989	93¼	94¼
First Chicago 7½ 1989	90½	91½
First Pennsylvania 7¾% 1984	87	88
Fisons 8¼% 1987	88½	89½
GATX 8¾% 1987	87½	88½
General Cables 8¼% 1987	86¼	87¼
Guardian Royal 8% 1987	82	83
GHST 7¾% 1989	78½	79½
Hambros 7¾% 1987	87	88
Hammerslev 8% 1987	84½	85½
Hilton 7¾% 1987	74½	75½
	Bid	Offer
ICI 7¾% 1992	80	81
International Util 8¼% 1982	92	93
Kleinwort 8¼% 1987	85	86
Lancashire 9¼% 1981	97¼	98¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7½ 1988	78½	80½
Manchester 9¼% 1981	89¼	90¼
Mexico 8¾% 1991	85	87
Michelin 7¾% 1988	84½	85½
Mitsubishi Rayon 8% 1989	97¼	98¼
Motorola 8% 1987	89	90
Nat & Grindlays 7¾% 1987	85½	87½
National Coal Board 8¾% 1988	92¼	93¼
Norges Kommu 7½% 1988	83	84
N. A. Rockwell 7¾% 1979	93	94
N. A. Rockwell 8¼% 1987	86½	87½
Nottingham 8¾% 1979	93	94
Pacific Lighting 8% 1988	86½	87½
Pennwalt 8% 1987	87	88
Quebec Hydro 8¼% 1989	92¼	93¼
Quebec (Province) 7¾% 1988	85	86
Queensland 8¼% 1987	88	89
Raleigh 7¾% 1987	86	87
REEM 8% 1988	80½	81½
SAS 8% 1987	84½	85½
Scanrail 7¾% 1990	85	86
Scanraff 8¾% 1988	92¼	93¼
Shell 7¾% 1987	85½	86½
Singapore 7½% 1987	41	43
Slough 8% 1988	72	76

	Bid	Offer
South African 8% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
SIB 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8¼% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Standard Oil 7¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sunland Oil 8¾% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sifbron 8% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco 7¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Town & City 8% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transocean Gulf 8¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil 7¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
UDT 8¼% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utah 7¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Utah 8% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Venezuela 8¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Volvo 8% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wellcome 8¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wm. Gluck 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
£ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 3% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alaska Int 5% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
American Express 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
American Motors 6% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
American Medical 5½% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4¾% 1993	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 5% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 6¼% 1991	[illegible]	[illegible]
Broadway Hale 4½% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carnation 4% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cummins 5¼% 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Damon 5½% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Navigation 6½% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Economic Labs 4¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falcon 5% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 3% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 6% 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fedders 5% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette 4¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould 5% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Electric 4½% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halliburton 4½% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hanes 5% 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell 6% 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]

Hongkong Land Cam 7½% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
ITT Sheraton 4¼% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. Ray McDermott 4¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. P. Morgan 4¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mohawk 5% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nashua 5% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Illinois 4½% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. C. Penney 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reliance 4¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ramada 6½% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rank Org 4¼% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sime Darby 5¼% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Slater Walker 5¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smithkline 5% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Overseas Bank 4½% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert 4¼% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner Lambert 4¼% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp 5% 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
NON-$ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elf (FF) 7% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bat Ind Fin (FF) 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brascan (DM) 5½% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
BLMC (FF) 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chartex (FF) 7¾% 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾% 1984/94	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denmark (DM) 6¼% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dunlop (FF) 7¾% 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
EIB (FF) 7¾% 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Escom (DM) 7¾% 1973/89	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford (DM) 5¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear (DM) 6¾% 1973/87	[illegible]	[illegible]
ICI (DM) 5¾% 1973/86	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lafarge (FF) 7¾% 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat West (DM) 5¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental (DM) 6¾% 1973/86	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sucrerie (DM) 6¼% 1973/89	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾% 1989	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 6% 1983	50	51
Vest-Alpine (DM) 6¾% 1988	92½	93½

DM=Deutschmark bond. FF=French Franc issue.
Source: Elder, Peabody Securities, London.

ASSOCIATED FISHERIES

HALF YEAR REPORT 1974

"The trading result for the half-year ended 31st March, 1974 exceeded last year by a useful margin. Whilst this result is very satisfactory it must be borne in mind that the immense inflation of costs, facing industry as a whole, will have a far greater impact on the ensuing months of the current financial year. As mentioned in the Chairman's Statement with the 1972/3 Accounts, the full year will have to bear an increased fuel oil cost approaching £1.5m and the bulk of this will fall in the second half-year, when there will also be increased labour costs.

With so many imponderables facing industry in general, and our industry in particular, I would not wish to give any specific forecast at this stage of the likely result for the remainder of the financial year, although the longer term outlook for our activities continues to be promising.

In accordance with our usual calendar, the Directors will declare a first Interim Dividend in September next. It is anticipated that this will be not less than last year's payment of 9% gross, including the imputed tax credit."

P. M. TAPSCOTT, *Chairman*

Unaudited Accounts for six months to 31st March 1974 and comparative figures	Half Year to 31st March 1974 £	Half Year to 31st March 1973 £	Year to 30th Sept. 1973 £
Group Turnover	37,865,000	30,700,000	67,834,000
Estimated Group Net Profit before Taxation	4,990,580	1,751,657	6,459,557
Deduct: Share of Losses less Profits of Associated Companies	418,000	203,600	567,533
	4,572,580	1,548,075	5,892,024
Deduct: Estimated Taxation	2,354,524	693,750	2,591,707
	2,218,056	854,325	3,300,317
Deduct: Minorities	531,409	199,425	704,831
	1,686,647	654,900	2,595,486
Deduct: Preference Dividends	13,213	18,875	29,256
Net Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	£1,673,434	£636,025	£2,566,230
Net Profit per Ordinary Share of 25p	9.67p	3.80p	15.17p

Estimated Taxation is calculated on the basis of 52% Corporation Tax (1973: 45%).

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16th May, 1974

THE SOLVAY GROUP

Principal information extracted from the Annual Report for the year 1973

1. COMPARISON OF EXTERNAL SALES, CASH FLOWS AND RESULTS

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
			million B. Fr.		
—Consolidated external sales	37 746	42 024	45 226	51 994	63 796
—Cash flow	6 817	6 227	6 344	7 183	9 417
—Depreciation	3 720	4 153	4 396	4 931	6 228
—Consolidated net profit applicable to Solvay & Cie	3 097	2 074	1 948	2 252	3 189
	2 807	1 866	1 671	1 666	2 610

In 1973, the Group's activity, under the influence of the favourable economic situation, was characterized by the full utilization of productive capacities and by a firmer trend of selling prices, accentuated, as a matter of fact, by increasing inflation.

This was reflected in sales to external customers, which rose by 23%, and in the cash flow, which increased by 31%. The latter comprises depreciation, up 26%, and the consolidated net profit, up 42%. This year, there were B. Fr. 133 million of exceptional profits, instead of exceptional charges of B.Fr. 69 million in 1972. Without reaching the 1969 level, profitability markedly exceeded that of 1970-1972.

The share in the net profit applicable to Solvay & Cie is substantially on the increase, as a result of a more considerable rise in the profits of the parent company and of subsidiaries where the Group's shareholding is 100%.

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
2. COMPARISON OF STATISTICS			million B. Fr.		
Capital expenditure	5 554	8 210	10 201	7 531	6 406
Research expenditure	989	1 101	1 231	1 402	1 633
Personnel expenditure	10 148	11 466	12 925	14 938	17 366
			thousand B. Fr.		
Sales per person employed	907	979	1 035	1 163	1 441
			B. Fr.		
Net profit per fully paid-up share	421	280	240	240	376
Net dividend per fully paid-up share	145	155	155	160	170
Persons employed at December 31	41 611	42 914	43 716	44 701	44 274

3. DISTRIBUTION OF EXTERNAL SALES

	%
By main product groups:	
—Soda-ash and caustic soda	21.5
—Salts, fertilizers, sodium and calcium derivatives	11.5
—Chlorine and derivatives	9.5
—Peroxygen chemicals	6
—Plastics—resins and compounds	23
—Plastics—processing	16
—Sundries (including products of the pharmaceutical industry)	12.5
	100

4. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The total research expenditure of the Group amounted to B. Fr. 1,633 million against B. Fr. 1,402 million in 1972, up 16.5%.

The research staff is about 2,000, split between the Central Laboratory and the research centres in the Group's factories.

5. SOLVAY & CIE SOCIETE ANONYME

The net profit for the year amounts to B. Fr. 1,542 million, a 16% rise compared with 1972. This increase is essentially due to the industrial activity of the company.

The Board of Directors will propose to the General Meeting on 10th June, 1974 to distribute a dividend of B. Fr. 170 per fully paid-up share i.e., B. Fr. 10 more than for the previous year, and to appropriate the available profit, which amounts to B. Fr. 1,613,530,830, as follows:

Net dividend of B. Fr. 170 per A and B share	1 087 041 200
Net dividend of B. Fr. 68 per C share	94 254 120
Withholding tax	295 323 830
Investment reserve (Spain)	95 684 820
Carried forward to next account	41 226 860
	B. Fr. 1 613 530 830

Copies of the English version of the Company's Annual Report in which the detailed accounts for 1973 are included, are available on request from Solvay & Cie, Société Anonyme, Secrétariat Général, rue du Prince Albert 33, B 1050—Bruxelles (Belgium).

Stock markets

Short-lived rally among equities

The last day of the trading account saw an attempted rally by equities thwarted by a fresh bout of nerves. Publication of the Labour Party's manifesto reawakened fears of a general election this summer and liquidity fears continued to unsettle many sectors.

Industrials, which had opened in good spirits on the news of further cuts in base rates by the lending banks, turned sour at midday, and showed no satisfaction with higher profit figures from **Beecham Group** and **Courtaulds**. Turnover remained thin. The *FT* index closed a net 4.3 off at 288.2, having touched 294.9 in the first hour. *The Times* index shed a further 1.40 to 114.70.

The possibility of further bankruptcies among secondary banking, property and house-building companies or stock-broking firms continued to overhang the market. Bearish reports from the annual meeting of **London Brick** took 4½p off the shares at 49p. Small losses were suffered by **Taylor Woodrow** (200p), **AP Cement** (128p), **English China Clay** (69½p) and **Cement Roadstone** (92p).

A substantial increase in profits at **Courtaulds** was no surprise for the market, and the shares, standing at 108p ahead of the news, closed at the same level, unchanged on the day's trade. **Beecham's** figures, while less spectacular, left the shares 6p off at 215p.

Other major stocks took little notice of these two major trading statements. **ICI** (239p) shed 2p and **Unilever** (295p) some 5p, both in line with market trend.

Engineering shares traced a somewhat irregular pattern, after abandoning an early attempt to go forward. **BLMC** (11½p) returned to the low point after some cautious marking-down operations by the jobbers who found a few small sellers.

Ominous reports that the board was "reassessing" the group's travel operations lowered **Court Line** by 2½p to 24p. **Whessoe** (76p) took a fresh knock after bearish review of prospects for North Sea service companies.

Robertson Foods put on 2p to 60p after disclosing trading results slightly above market expectations. But profits news did little to help either **Ozalid** (175p) or **Associated Fisheries** (78p) or **Associated Engineering** (39½p).

A brave start by the banks, following base rate cuts from **Barclays** and **National Westminster**, soon turned to dust.

Secondary banks steadied, and properties remained quiet. **English Property** (48p) eased on lower earnings news. **Pereula Investments** slipped to 24p on the withdrawal of the bid.

A lower bullion price brought falls in gold shares. Oils turned dull in thin trade.

Gilts had an uneven day, but the undertones remained firm. At the opening the market received encouragement from the reduction in base rates, but enthusiasm seemed to die down as the session progressed.

"Shorts" opened ¼ point higher. There was some buying and prices looked like advancing further. In mid-morning the Government broker raised the price of the short-dated "tap" stock Treasury 11¼ per cent 1977, and this was sufficient to keep the market up for the rest of the day. At the close some stocks showed rises of 7/16 point.

"Longs" opened up to ¼ point higher, but, after an active first hour, lost first an ¼ point and then another ¼ point to close at overnight levels.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Armitage Shanks (25p) Fin	6.17	6.16	17/7	9.17‡	7.0†
Assoc Eng (25p) Int	1.57	1.31	15/7	—	4.46
Assoc Fisheries (25p) Int	2.25*	2.35	—	—	5.0
Barr & W. Arnold (25p) Fin	4.13	3.98†	24/7	4.13	5.38
Baxters (Butchrs) (25p) S Int	2.62	2.93	5/7	4.13	3.93
Beecham (25p) Fin	3.63	3.56	1/8	6.39	6.39
Brit Inds & Gen (25p) Int	1.25	1.5	21/6	—	3.75
J. Brockhouse (£1) Int	6.57	6.0	31/7	—	15.0
Courtaulds (25p) Fin	5.13	5.13	25/7	7.57	7.21
English Prop (50p) Fin	1.05	0.9†	—	3.31	3.15†
Estel (25p) Fin	4.0	3.8†	26/7	5.96	5.5†
First Re-Invest (25p) Int	2.47‡‡	2.25	28/6	—	5.25
Hambros Inv (25p) Fin	3.9	2.62	31/7	5.9	4.49
Hay's Wharf (£1) Int	1.93	1.83†	—	—	3.63†
Intl Paint (£1) Fin	7.85	7.5	6/8	11.02	10.5
Leeds Dyers (25p) Int	0.91	0.87†	1/7	—	3.06†
Metro Tst (25p) Int	1.89	1.25	—	—	4.37
Nat Bank Aust ($1) Int	6.5§	6.0§	27/6	—	13.5§
Ozalid (25p) Fin	4.28	4.07	5/7	7.15	6.82
Park Farms (10p) Fin	5.7	7.0	—	9.45	9.0
Robertson Foods (25p) Fin	4.28	4.01	6/7	5.78	5.51
Scots Inv (25p) Int	0.67	0.65	22/7	—	2.5
Spooner Inds (25p) Int	0.8	0.8†	19/7	—	2.97†
Sumrie Clothes (20p) Fin	2.72	2.6	12/7	4.58	4.3
Thanet Inv (50p) Int	1.04	1.0	5/7	—	3.32
Wedgwood (25p) Fin	1.51	2.06†	17/7	4.01	3.93†

† Adjusted for scrip. ‡ As forecast. § Cents. * Forecast. ‡‡ To reduce disparity.

English Property caution over £80m value surplus

At the same time of releasing its final figures, showing profits virtually stationary, English Property Corporation (formerly Star (Great Britain)) announces its promised revaluation. At October 31, 1973, valuations of completed investment properties on the basis of open-market value disclosed an £80m surplus over book values, adjusted for sales plus subsequent additions at cost.

The board believes, however, that in the present unsettled conditions in the United Kingdom, that the more conservative figures based on earlier valuations should remain in the accounts "for the time being". These latest figures are not, as customary, being included.

Pre-tax revenue for the year to October 31 came to £6.87m, compared with £6.84m, and the "available" £3.69m against £3.68m. The total dividend goes up from an adjusted 3.15p to 3.31p.

Robertson's strong rally in second half

After the £278,000 setback in the first six months of 1973/74, Robertson Foods, the Golliwog jam and marmalade manufacturer, saw a marked recovery in the second half to leave pre-tax profits for the year only £74,000 down at £1.94m on overall sales up from £26.5m to £32.8m.

This was achieved despite a jump in interest charges from £89,000 for the year to £334,000.

Mr Christopher Robertson, chairman, said that the 76 per cent controlled French canning company, Peny, has proved a most valuable acquisition, turning in profits of £270,000 after accounting for the minority interest compared with only a three month contribution the previous year.

The shares closed 2p better on the day at 60p after reaching 63p at one stage. The directors and members of the family control around 60 per cent of the equity.

Pork Farms at £1m

Taxable profits of Pork Farms, of Nottinghamshire, in the year to March 2 were 36 per cent higher at record £1m while turnover was up 37.5 per cent at £15.3m. Current trading of Baron Meats, acquired last February, is well up to the forecast of not less than £200,000 for 1974. The group's market share was increased in 1973 and for 1974 board is budgeting for volume and profit increases.

HAMBROS INV

Dividend for 1973-74 is up from 4.49p to 5.9p and scrip issue of 3.097 for every 100 "B" shares proposed. Taxable profit is £826,000 (£569,000). Earnings a share, 4.53p (3.05p). Net asset value, 112p (159p).

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Pre-tax profit last term £531,000, including full year of Redwood book manufacturing.

Wall Street

New York, May 23.—On the New York stock exchange today the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 2.66 points to 805.23. Trading was moderate with volume totalling 14,770,000 shares, compared with 15,450,000 on Wednesday.

Sony was one of the most active issues, slipping $¾ to $25¾. Trading in the issue included a block of 161,400 shares at $25.

Diversified Mortgage Investors was also active, closing at $5¾, off $3-8. Turnover included a block of 113,600 shares at $5. Certain-Teed Products fell $1½ to $12⅞. The company said on Wednesday it would no longer provide funds to its Valley Forge subsidiary. It planned a reserve to cover the possible write-off of all or most of its $27m Valley Forge investment, advances and guarantees.

Superscope climed $1½ to $15⅞. The company forecast a 50 per cent gain in its second-quarter net profit.

Silver mining shares were lower as silver bullion prices fell abroad.

	May 23	May 22
Allied Chem.	29⅞	28⅞
Allied Stores	17⅞	28⅞
AlliedSupermkt.	3½	3
Allis Chalmers	5⅞	5⅞
Alcoa	44⅞	42½
Amerada Hess	24⅞	25⅞
Am. Airlines	9⅞	9⅞
Am. Brands	34⅞	34⅞
Am. Broadcast.	16⅞	15⅞
Am. Cyan.	28⅞	28⅞
Am. Cyan.	26⅞	26⅞
Am. El. Power	20	19⅞
Am. Home	49⅞	49⅞
Am. Met. Climax	35	34⅞
Am. Motors	6⅞	6⅞
Am. Nat. Gas	31⅞	32⅞
Am. Smelt.	16⅞	17⅞
Am. Standard	14⅞	14½
Am. Tel.	47½	48⅞
Amf. Inc.	16⅞	16½
Anaconda	25	25⅞
Armco Steel	19⅞	19⅞
Ashland Oil	19⅞	19½
Atl. Richfield	84½	86½
Avco	4⅞	4⅞
Avon Prod.	43⅞	43⅞
Babcock & Wcox	21	21½
Bankers Tst NY	34⅞	34⅞
Baxter Lab.	35⅞h	35⅞h
Bank of N.Y.	22⅞	23⅞
Beat Foods	17	17⅞
Bect. Dick	37⅞	37⅞
Bell & Howell	11⅞	11⅞
Bendix	23⅞	24⅞
Beth. Steel	23⅞	23⅞
Boeing	17⅞	17⅞
Boise Cascade	15⅞	15⅞
Borden	23⅞	23⅞
Borg Warner	14⅞	17⅞
Bristol Myers	49	49
BP	11⅞	11
Budd	3⅞	3⅞
Bucy. Ind.	22⅞	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	31⅞	31
Burroughs	100⅞	98⅞
Campbell Soup	22⅞	22⅞
Canadian Pac.	14⅞	14⅞
Caterpillar	53⅞	53⅞
Celanese	36⅞	36⅞
Central Soya	7⅞	7⅞
Charter Co	35⅞	35⅞
Chase Manhat.	40⅞	47⅞
Chem. Ex. N.Y.	31⅞	33
Chesapeake&Ohio	44⅞	44⅞
Chrysler	15⅞	15⅞
Citicorp	51⅞	51⅞
Cities Serv.	39⅞	39⅞
Clark Equip	19⅞	19⅞
Coca Cola	100	101
Colgate	22⅞	23⅞
C.B.S.	30⅞	30⅞
Columbia Gas	24⅞	24⅞
Comb Eng	35	34⅞
Comw. Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Con. Edison	7⅞	7⅞
Cons Foods	32	32⅞
Cons Power	17⅞	17⅞
Cont. Can.	34⅞	33
Cont. Oil	35⅞	35⅞
Control Data	27⅞	27⅞
Corning Glass	82⅞	85⅞
C.P.C. Intnl.	30	30
Crane	27	28⅞
Crocker Int.	12⅞	12⅞
Crown Zeller	17⅞	17
Curtiss Wright	17⅞	17⅞
Deere	34⅞	34⅞
Del Monte	18⅞	19⅞
Delta Air	30	30⅞
Detroit Edison	17⅞	17⅞
Distil. Seagram	31	33
Disney	44⅞	43⅞
Dow Chem.	65⅞	65
Dresser Ind.	40⅞	41⅞
Duke Power	19	19⅞
Du Pont	159⅞	163
Eastern Air	6⅞	6⅞
East. Kodak	107⅞	109⅞
Eaton Corp.	27⅞	27⅞
El Paso N.	11⅞	11⅞
Equitable Life	7⅞	7⅞
Ethyl	24⅞	24⅞
Fairch. Cam.	5⅞	5⅞
Firestone	7⅞	7⅞
Fst. Nat. St.	32⅞	32⅞
Ford Motor Co	73⅞	73⅞
Fuqua Ind.	7⅞	7⅞
Gen. Dynamics	21⅞	21⅞
Gen. Elec.	34⅞	34⅞
Gen. Foods	31⅞	31⅞
Gen. Motors	46⅞	46⅞
Gen. Mills	29⅞	29⅞
Gen. Pub Util.	7⅞	7⅞
Gen. Tel. El.	31⅞	31⅞
Gen. Tire	14⅞	14⅞
Genesco	6⅞	6⅞
Georgia Pac	40⅞	40⅞
Getty Oil	16⅞	16⅞
Gillette	32⅞	32⅞
Goodrich	13⅞	13⅞
Goodyear	16⅞	16⅞
Gould Inc.	13⅞	20⅞
Grace	23⅞	23⅞
Grant W.T.	5⅞	5⅞
Gt. At. & Pac.	12⅞	13
Greyhound	14⅞	14⅞
Grumman Cp.	12⅞	12⅞
Gulf Oil	27⅞	27⅞
Gulf Wn. Ind.	20⅞	20⅞
Heinz, H. J.	47⅞	47⅞
Hercules	32⅞	33⅞
Honeywell	70	71
Illinois Central	16⅞	16⅞
Ingersoll	17⅞	18
Inland Steel	23⅞	23⅞
I.B.M.	216⅞	218⅞
Int. Harv.	21⅞	22
Int. Nickel	27⅞	27⅞
Int. Paper	41⅞	42
Int. Tel. Tel.	18⅞	17⅞
Jewel Co	27⅞	27
Jim Walter	19⅞	20
Johns Manv.	15⅞	17⅞
Johnson & Johnson	114⅞	114⅞
Kaiser Alum.	13⅞	13⅞
Kennecott	30⅞	31⅞
Kerr McGee	49⅞	49⅞
Kimb. Clk.	32⅞	32⅞
Kraftco Co.	43⅞	43⅞
Kresge S.S.	23⅞	23⅞
Kroger	20	20
Litton	8⅞	8⅞
Lockheed	4⅞	4⅞
Lucky Stores	11⅞	11
Magnavox	5	5⅞
Manuf Hanover	34	34
Mapco	13⅞	13⅞
Marathon Oil	32	31⅞
Marcor Inc.	22⅞	22⅞
Marine Mid.	19⅞	20
Martin Mar.	13⅞	13⅞
McDonnell	18⅞	18⅞
Mead	11⅞	11⅞
Merck	87⅞	87⅞
Mich. Min.	73	73⅞
Mobil Oil	41⅞	41⅞
Monsanto	63⅞	64
Moore McC.	15⅞	16⅞
Morgan, J. P.	55⅞	55⅞
Motorola	56⅞	56⅞
N. Ind	25⅞	25
Nat. Dist.	32⅞	32⅞
Nat Cash Reg.	32⅞	32⅞
Nat. Distill.	18⅞	18⅞
Nat. Steel	33⅞	33⅞
Norfolk West	55	55⅞
NW Bancor	44	44⅞
Norton Simon	13⅞	13⅞
Occ. Pet.	9⅞	9⅞
Ogden	16	16
Olin Corp.	15⅞	15⅞
Otis Elev.	34⅞	34⅞
Owens Ill.	32⅞	32⅞
Pac. Gas. El.	21⅞	21⅞
Pan. Am.	2⅞	2⅞
Penn. Cent.	2	2
Penney J C	74⅞	77⅞
Pennzoil	19	19⅞
Pepsico	67⅞	67⅞
Per Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Pfizer	54	53⅞
Phelps Dod.	23	23⅞
Philip Morr.	101⅞	102⅞
Phill. Pet.	27⅞	30
Polaroid	34⅞	33⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	25⅞	25⅞
Proc. Gamble	97⅞	97
Pub Ser E&Gas	18⅞	19⅞
Pullman	45⅞	45⅞
Rapid American	10⅞	10⅞
Raytheon	33	34⅞
RCA Corp	12⅞	12⅞
Reputb. Steel	21⅞	21⅞
Reynolds Ind.	40⅞	40
Reynolds Metal	20⅞	19⅞
Rich Sell Tr.	4⅞	4⅞
Rockwell Int	25⅞	25
Royal Dutch	29⅞	29⅞
Safeways	45⅞	45⅞
St. Regis	25⅞	25⅞
Santa Fe Ind	29⅞	29⅞
SCM	9⅞	9⅞
Schering Plough	63	63
Schlumbr.	104⅞	105⅞
Scott. Paper	14⅞	15⅞
Seaboard Coast	17⅞	20⅞
Sears Roe.	31⅞	32⅞
Shell Oil	42⅞	41⅞
Shell Trans.	30	30
Signal Co	16⅞	17
Singer	22⅞	23⅞
Sony	25⅞	25⅞
Sth Cal Edison	13	13⅞
Southern Pac.	23⅞	23⅞
Southern Rly.	25⅞	25⅞
Sperry Rand	35⅞	35⅞
Squibb	73⅞	78⅞
Std. Brands	53⅞	54⅞
Std. Oil Cal.	36⅞	36⅞
Std. Oil Ind.	80	81⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	53⅞	53⅞
Sterling Drug	32	32
Stevens J.P.	23⅞	23⅞
Sthde Worth	23⅞	23⅞
Sunbeam Cp.	16⅞	17
Sundstrand	15⅞	16⅞
Sun Oil	35	35⅞
Teledyne	10⅞	10⅞
Tenneco	20⅞	21⅞
Texaco	29	29⅞
Texas East Trans.	27⅞	27⅞
Texas Inst.	100⅞	102⅞
Texas Utilities	19⅞	19⅞
Textron	20	20⅞
T.W.A.	9⅞	9⅞
Travelers Gp.	23	23⅞
T.R.W. Inc.	15⅞	16⅞
U.A.L. Inc.	29⅞	29⅞
Unilever Ltd.	25⅞	25⅞
Unilever N.V.	41⅞	41⅞
Unionamerica	6	6⅞
Union Bancorp	10	10
Union Carb.	33⅞	33⅞
Un. Oil Cal.	31⅞	30⅞
Un. PacificCorp.	65⅞	67
Uniroyal	4⅞	4
United Aircraft	27⅞	27
United Brands	8⅞	8⅞
US Gtyerch.Man	12⅞	12⅞
U.S. Industries	7⅞	7⅞
U.S. Steel	40⅞	41⅞
Wachovia	19⅞	19
Warner Comm	12	12
Warner-Lambert	21⅞	21⅞
Wells Fargo	19⅞	20
Wesly Bancorp	10⅞	10⅞
Westgho El.	15⅞	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	41⅞
Whirlpool	25⅞	25⅞
White Motor	11⅞	11
Woolworth	15⅞	16⅞
Xerox Cp.	114⅞	112⅞
Zenith	23⅞	22⅞

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	16⅞	16⅞
Alcan	28⅞	28⅞
Alg. Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Asbestos	17⅞	17⅞
Bell Tel.	40⅞	40⅞
Can. Sup. Oil	37⅞	37⅞
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.60	4.60
Cominco	72⅞	73⅞
Cons. Bat.	2⅞	2
Distiller	26⅞	25
Fairview Corp	19⅞	19
Falconbridge	45⅞	44
Gulf Oil	20⅞	20⅞
Hawker Can.	6.37	6.37
Hud. Bay Min	20⅞	19⅞
Hud. Bay Oil	29⅞	29⅞
I.A.C. Ltd.	14	14
Imasco	24	23
Imp. Oil	25	25⅞
Int. Pipe	14⅞	13⅞
Mass.-Ferguson	3⅞	3⅞
Power Cp.	10⅞	10⅞
Price Bros.	12⅞	12
Royal Trust	22⅞	22⅞
Steel Co.	29	29
Teck Cor.	5⅞	5
Trans. Nat. Oil	17⅞	17⅞
Walker H.	44⅞	44⅞
W.C.T.	18⅞	18⅞

a Ex Div. a Advd. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot $2.4122 (£1.0000); one month, $2.39[illegible] (£1.0000); three months, $2.39[illegible] (£1.0000); Canadian dollar, 104.11c (103.90c).

The Dow Jones two-commodity price index fell by 0.92 to 329.50. The former index was 0.1[illegible] lower at 291.5[illegible].

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, [illegible] (505.23 (500.57)); transportation, 1[illegible] (161.10); utilities, 74.45 (73.91); 65 stocks, 285.81 (283.3[illegible]).

New York Stock Exchange index, 45.94 (45.91). Industrials, 50.97 (50.99); transportation, 32.13 (32.05); utilities, 29.69 (29.46); financial, 50.45 (50.92).

New York copper 40 points higher

New York, May 23.—COPPER closed with gains of 30 to 40 points on sales of 1,[illegible] lots.—July, 100.70c; Sept. 105.80c; Oct. 101.20c; Dec. 102.60c; Jan. 101.60c; March, 100.[illegible]c; May, 99.60c.

SILVER closed very weak on sales of 2,540 lots.—May, 505.00c; June, 515.80c asked; July, 520.40c asked; Sept. 529.00c asked; Dec. 545.00c asked; Jan. 550.00c asked; March, 555.00c asked; May, 560.00c asked; July, 565.00c asked; Sept. 560.00c asked. Handy and Harman, 515c (513.50c); Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$[illegible] (Can$[illegible]).

COTTON in No. 2 contract closed mixed on sales of 1,[illegible] lots.—July, 52.10-15c; Oct. 49.[illegible]; Dec. 49.[illegible]; March, 50.10c; May, 50.90c-10c; July, 51.80c bid; Oct. 52.00-[illegible]; Dec. 51.50-[illegible]c.

GREASY WOOL.—Spot: 167.5c nominal; July, 152.5c; Oct. 168.5c; Dec. 149.0c; March, 144.0c; May, 142.0c; July, 142.0c; Oct. 139.5c—all bid.

SUGAR (No. 11 contract) closed unchanged to 10 points up on sales of 3,687 lots. Spot, 10.11c-[illegible] traded; Oct. 16.20-16[illegible] traded; Jan. 17.40c bid; March, 17.55-16.90c traded; May, 17.50c traded; July, 14.75c nominal; Sept. 13.55c nominal; Oct. 13.10c traded.

COFFEE.—In "C" contract, futures were 70 to 200 points down. May, 70.00-80c; June, 69.40c nominal; July, 72.50-71.50c traded; Sept. 73.65-70c traded; Nov. 75.60c bid; Dec. 76.30c traded; March, 77.70c asked.

COCOA closed 112 to 165 points higher on sales of 1,465 lots. July, 60.30c; Sept. 61.50c; Oct. 72.50c; Dec. 65.50c; March, 67.[illegible]c; May, 69.60c; July, 58.50c; Sept. [illegible]c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—July, 551.[illegible]c; Aug. 551.5c; Sept. 544c; Nov. 536-37c; Jan. 550.50c; March, 543½-15c.—SOYABEAN MEAL.—July, $118.00; Aug. $121.00; Sept. 121.50; Oct. $123.00-123.50; Dec. $127.50; Jan. 129.50c; March, $131.00-132.00.—SOYABEAN OIL.—July, 27.15-27.25c; Aug. 27.40-27.52c; Sept. 27.80c; Oct. 28.75c; Dec. 29.[illegible]c; Jan. 31.75c; March, 31.70-31.[illegible]c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed 2c higher to 3½c lower.—July, 341-342c; Sept. 344-346c; Dec. 354-355c; March, 360c. MAIZE closed 1½c to 3c lower.—July, 260½-261c; Sept. 260½c; Dec. 239½-240½c; March, [illegible]. OATS closed 1c to 1½c lower.—July, [illegible]; Sept. 125c; Dec. 126c; March, 132½c.

Bids & deals

Stern shies away from Peureula takeover

Wilstar Securities, parent company of the Stern property empire, have ended discussions with Peureula Investments.

In April, through a subsidiary, Camana Investments, Wilstar bought a near 30 per cent stake in Peureula from Cityland Hotels, controlled by Mr. D. R. Kirch, who held more than 66 per cent of Peureula equity. Talks then started on a possible offer for the rest of Peureula.

Mr Kirch is duly being called on to repurchase the shares (4.36m) at cost as the deal is not going through. He will then own or control 9.62m shares (66.24 per cent) in Peureula.

Firestone may get Dunlop Canada

Negotiations are under way for the sale by Dunlop Pirelli Union of their 100 per cent holding in Dunlop Canada to Firestone, Dunlop said yesterday. Net assets of Dunlop Canada are about £3.2m. There is some £5¼m debenture stock outstanding. Agreement should be concluded in the near future, subject to the approval of the Canadian authority and holders of Dunlop Canada debentures.

In effect Firestone intends to purchase the Dunlop tyre business in Canada, but excludes the plastics operation at Ajax, Ontario, which remains under Dunlop management.

A Dunlop spokesman added that this operation had not been among Dunlop's more successful activities. Dunlop Canada had incurred losses in what is one of the world's most competitive tyre markets. Generally, the sale of the Canadian tyre business, which had a turnover last year of $C37m (about £16m), could effectively be a withdrawal from the Canadian market, as the factory is being sold complete with outlets.

Beyer, Peacock acts to repel boarders

Backed by advisers Slater Walker, the Somerset-based light engineering company is resisting a move to replace five of the seven directors of the board by nominees of an Irish property company called Moore Holdings. It says the proposal, if successful, would be tantamount to achieving control of the company without making a formal bid.

Moore, a property and share-dealing company, is also being rejected by Beyer on the grounds that it cannot contribute to the group's growth.

Moore Holdings, which has a large shareholding in Beyer, is proposing seven resolutions, all rejected by the Beyer board. A letter to stockholders has been posted advising against the Moore proposals.

Anglo-Thai buoyant on offer rumours

The share price of Anglo-Thai Corporation this week has soared from 216p on Monday to 250p yesterday morning, valuing the equity at £24.9m. However, revived talk of a coming bid lost some of its sting when Mr William Tyson, managing director of Anglo-Thai, said: "There is nothing on the table at present." No comment was available from Inchcape or Jardine Matheson, both seen as likely suitors, and the shares closed at 242p up 12p.

Interim profits at September 30 were more than tripled to £3.2m. Inchcape already has a stake of under 10 per cent in the company.

UPWARD & RICH—ASSOC FOOD

Following assurances regarding staff and employees, UR board has agreed to recommend AFH offer and intends accepting in respect of their own shareholdings. Holders are advised to take no action on offer from Gateway Securities.

TRIUMPH—A. BECKMAN

Triumph Investment Trust has disposed of its entire holding (1,055,000 shares or 14 per cent of equity) of A. Beckman by a placing through market.

BBA GROUP

Thanks to very good March and April, sales and profits for first four months ran ahead of same period last year and Mr F. Pearson says that it now seems possible that 1974 profits will surpass 1973's.

SUMRIE CLOTHES

Last term turnover was £3.88m (£3.33m) and taxable profit at peak £313,000 (£286,000). Three-day week has hit sales to date this time.

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

First quarter shows a small profit. Board views short and medium term future with cautious optimism.

Mining

Opening boost at Cons Tin

An increase in Amalgamated Metal Corporation's pretax profits in the three months to end March, from £542,000 to £2.49m, boosted profits at the Consolidated Tin Smelters parent from £703,000 to £3.13m. In the first of what will be regular quarterly reports, AMC attributes its performance partly to profits taken on positions established last year and to the continuation of active metal markets with the overseas activities affecting progress more than market conditions in this country. The necessary warning is given that it would be unwise to assume that the favourable trading conditions will continue to the end of the year.

Apart from AMC, Consolidated Tin benefited from improved results from the Malaysian and Nigerian smelters and from the various industrial activities. Earnings have increased by 20p to 23.2p for the quarter.

Cons Tin has accepted responsibility for the full Bolivian claims in the liquidation of Williams Harvey which collapsed last year. An initial repayment of 60 per cent of the £3.3m of claims was paid earlier this month and it is expected to disburse the balance early in June. The balance of Cons Tin's own claims against Williams Harvey should be settled by the end of the year.

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Addressing the Annual General Meeting on 22nd May the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Dodd, made the following points:

* Management accounts for the first quarter of 1974 show a small surplus. Considering the effects of the three day week this is an encouraging result.
* Group order position very satisfactory. Roll Division orders twice the value of this time last year.
* Our only problems are national ones – shortages of raw material and skilled labour, and escalating prices.

"In the medium and long term I am very optimistic for we have fine plants, first class management and employees and the resources to back them up."

Results at a Glance

	1973	1972
Turnover	£13,092,000	£11,532,000
Profit before taxation	1,525,000	1,362,000
Net profit	733,000	830,000
Earnings per share	3.26p	3.66p
Dividend per share	13.21%	12.6%

Copies of the full report and Chairman's Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, The British Rollmakers Corporation Ltd., Weston Road, Crewe, CW1 1DB.

BARCLAYS BANK BASE RATE

Barclays Bank Limited announces that with effect from the close of business on 23rd May, 1974 its

Base Rate will be decreased from 13½% to 12% per annum.

Deposit Rate will remain at 9½% per annum on balances below £10,000. On balances of £10,000 or more the rate of interest will be 10½% per annum on the entire balance.

Savings Accounts will continue to attract interest at 9½% per annum.

Payplan Accounts will continue to attract interest at 9½% per annum.

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EDINBURGH INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Profits substantially increased

Extracts from the circulated Statement of the Chairman, J. G. Bizley, for the 53 weeks ended 3rd November 19[illegible]

At the commencement of the financial year under revi[illegible] were in a period of economic expansion and most comp[illegible] in the Group enjoyed an increase of turnover, although [illegible] on occasions by the availability of raw materials and c[illegible]nents which became more acute towards the end [illegible] financial year.

The substantial efforts of employees during the difficult [illegible] from December to the end of February resulted in an [illegible] of 87% of the levels budgeted before the energy crisi[illegible]

PROSPECTS. The products of most companies in the [illegible] are such that the profits are unlikely to be affected by [illegible] restrictions or domestic consumer resistance, althoug[illegible] immune to a downturn in general U.K. manufacturing [illegible] Therefore if one takes the view that industrial activi[illegible] remain at current levels for the remainder of 1974, th[illegible] company is well placed to produce a satisfactory profit [illegible] current financial year

At the meeting the Chairman said that having regard [illegible] possibility of a less than satisfactory rate of growth [illegible] U.K. economy the Group was seeking further outlets ov[illegible] for its products and had already achieved a wor[illegible] measure of success in this field.

	1973	197[illegible]
	£'000	£'00[illegible]
Turnover	5,827	3,14[illegible]
Profit before tax	368	21[illegible]
Profit after tax	269	17[illegible]
Dividends	31	—
Earnings per 12½p share	3.8p	3.[illegible]

Group interests cover the following fields:
Woodworking • Electronics
Plastics • Engineering • Small Tools

Midland Bank Base Rate

Midland Bank announces that with effect from May 24th, 1974 its **Base Rate** will be 12%, and that its **Deposit Rate** on amounts lodged subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal will be as under:—
Balances under £10,000 will earn 9½% (Rate unchanged);
Balances of £10,000 and over will earn 10½%.
Savings Accounts will earn 7½% on the first £250, and 9½% thereafter (Rates unchanged).
Also with effect from May 24th, 1974 the rate charged on new **Personal Loans** will be reduced to 9%.

Midland Bank

R. & A. G. CROSSLAND LIMITED

(Manufacturers of Lighting Equipment, Metal Pressings, Cai[illegible] Trunking and Water Fittings)

Continued Progress - Record Order Bo[illegible]

The 25th Annual General Meeting was held in Birm[illegible]ham on May 23rd, Mr. P. W. Reynolds (the Chairman) [illegible]siding. The following is an extract from his circu[illegible] statement:

The profit of the Group, before taxation, amounte[illegible] £341,012 compared with a profit of £301,142 for 1972. Incl[illegible] the associated tax credits, the total dividend for the y[illegible] 1.39p per share compared with 1.35p per share for the pre[illegible] year.

Although 1973

ARKET REPORTS

reign change

se rate falls set pound

ling closed 25 points easier r the dollar at $2.4125 yes-, with the Bank of England's weighted sterling depreciate (from December, 1971 widening from 17.37 to per cent.

main depressant on the Kingdom unit remained the moves by three leading clearing banks to cut their ates from 12½ to 12 per The action by Barclays and al Westminster Banks on esday night and by Midland yesterday followed a similar rate reduction by Lloyd's n May 10.

ever, some dealers said r factor tending to weigh e pound was news from political sources that Minister Mr Harold Wilson eived a blueprint from top servants setting out steps ould be needed to start a r-holiday general election. ing in all European currensmained extremely quiet due closure of the main Conl centres for Ascension Day, o the imminence of the exchange dealers conferpening in Brussels today.

Continental currencies firmer against the dollar ed with overnight levels, gh they were slightly easier r mid-session yesterday. mark closed at 2.4580-4600 0-70 overnight) against the Swiss franc 2.8890-8920 (2.8950-9000), French franc 4.8075-8150 (4.8250-8300), lira 632.25-633.00 (633.00-75), and Swedish crown 4.2400-2600 (4.2700-25).

Gold fell $4.25 an ounce to $159.

Small shortage in discount market

The first hour in the discount market was very busy for the houses following the overnight base rate cuts. There was a great deal of position-taking, particularly in the "periods", but the early effect was also to depress rates for "call" and day-to-day money, both of which were quoted at 11 per cent at the outset.

Later, as positions were sorted out, and business quietened down, most fixtures firmed from their early lows, and so did both "call" and day-to-day money. These latter two then stayed in the range of 11½ per cent to 11¾ per cent for most of the day, but touched as high as 11¾ per cent on occasion.

Turnover was quite heavy, but a small shortage showed itself which was relieved by the Bank of England.

Optimism on ICA renegotiation

Preliminary talks on renegotiation of a new International Coffee Agreement indicate that there is a favourable climate for the continuation of discussions, the executive director of the International Coffee Organisation Mr Alexandre Fontano Beltrao said in London.

He was speaking after the conclusion of talks between the world's major coffee producers and consumers in a special ICO working group on renegotiation.

Commodities

Copper plunges £50 a tonne

COPPER closed £50 down at £1,047.50 for cash wire bars, while three months was £36 lower at £1,020.50. Renewed unsettlement was touched off by weakness in United States future both for silver and copper. This caused a wave of fresh chart and stop-loss selling which came to a market lacking European physical demand, especially in view of the Ascension Day holiday. A slight recovery was seen in late curb dealings and three months traded at £1,026 compared with £1,021 last paid in the ring. Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £1,045-50 a metric ton; three months, £1,020-21. Sales, 6,700 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,000-5; three months, £1,000.—Sales, 225 tons. Morning.—Cash £1,046-47; three months, £1,015-16.—Settlement, £1,045. Sales, 4,950 tons. Cash cathodes, £1,045; three months, £999-93. Settlement, £995. Sales, 125 tons.

SILVER was marked down sharply following the lower direction in New York overnight and moved lower still under the impact of heavy liquidation, especially from one quarter. Although LME prices rallied in the afternoon, losses still ranged between 17.5p and 25p. Bullion market chasing lower to 175-75p. Bullion market closing unofficially unchanged. Spot, 208.5p a troy oz (United States cents equivalent, 498.3); three months, 214p (511.2c); six months, 221.5p (529.4c). Comex (May 23).—Cash, 208-10p; three months, 217-17.5p; seven months, 227-28p. Sales, 370 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 208-10p; three months, 208-8.5; seven months, 217-18.5p. Settlement, 201p. Sales, 280 lots.

TIN fell £37.50 for cash metal and £43.50 for three months. The influence of a modest advance by the Penang tin price was offset by the easier trend in other markets, with moderate liquidation finding buying interest lacking in the afternoon, the market was supported by some United States physical buying and also by further borrowing of quarter metal which largely reflected dealer-book-squaring operations and did not necessarily indicate a net decrease in warehouse stocks this week. Afternoon.—Cash, £3,745-50 a metric ton; three months, £3,770-75. Sales, 530 tons. Morning.—Cash, £3,740. Sales, three months, £3,750-75. Settlement, £3,740. Sales, 1,260 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,290 a picul.

LEAD fell £9.50 for cash and £10.50 for three months. Afternoon.—Cash, £341-42.5 a metric ton; three months, £334.5-36.5. Sales, 1,875 tons. Morning.—Cash, £337-38; three months, £335-37. Settlement, £339. Sales, 3,400 tons.

ZINC declined by £11.50 for cash and £13 for three months. Afternoon.—Cash, £405-11 a metric ton; three months, £385-90. Sales, 3,400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £415-40; three months, £388-89. Settlement, £440. Sales, 5,500 tons. Producers' price, £330 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM lost £3.75 at £77.75-£80.75 ($187.50-$195.00) a troy ounce.

ANTIMONY.—99.6 per cent, £1,000-£1,100 a metric ton.

PALLADIUM.—Ex-warehouse United Kingdom, £59.00-£60.00 a troy ounce.

QUICKSILVER gained another $5 at $265-$270 per flask of 76lb.

RUBBER prices fluctuated narrowly mostly on the downside in thin trading. Dealers reported some isolated enquiry from Venezuela for routine factory grades usually for slow shipment which appeared to be easily met by sellers. Western European interest was virtually at a standstill, they said, due to today's Ascension Day holiday. Activity in the landed market was also restricted. The official tone was irregular. Cifs finished 0.5p to 0.25p per kilo lower on balance while landed was 0.5p lower to 0.25p higher. Cif's Malaysia No 1 RSS.—June, 36.00-36.25p per kilo; July, 36.50-37.00p; Aug, 36.25-36.75p. Spot; 34.50-35.00p. Settlements.—Oct, 35.50-36.00p; Jeb, 36.25-36.50p; June, 36.50-37.00p; July, 36.75-37.00p; Aug, 36.75-37.00p; Sept, 36.75-37.00p. Jan/March, 35.25-35.50p; April/June, 35.50-35.75p; July/Sept, 36.25-36.50p; Oct/Dec, 36.75-37.00p; Jan/March, 39.00-39.25p; April/June, 39.00-39.25p.

WOOL steady.—May, buyer requested, 290.0p seller per kilo; July, 209.0-21.0p; Oct, 209.0-15.0p; Dec, 195.0-209.0p; March, 195.0-209.0p; May, July, Oct all 195.0-210.0p. Sales, two lots.

Bradford.—Australian wool prices have firmed appreciably, but New Zealand and British crossbred wool tended to move mostly lower. Top quarter-bred lambs, moved in the morning directed at quite often are one-pence higher, but quite often are unchanged. The Australian rise is not fully reflected because, after last week's improvement in top business, little further has come out. Quotations.—64's warp, 35p per kilo; 60's super, 310p; 58's super, 180p; 56's super, 152p; 50's carded, 141p; 48's carded, 126p.

JUTE steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade May/June, £170 nominal; Bangladesh white "B" grade May-June, £164 nominal a long ton.

CALCUTTA steady.—Indian June-July, Rs385; Dundee Dance June-July, Rs335 bale of 400lb.

SISAL quiet.—No 1 $1,095 a metric ton; No 2 $1,090; No 3 Long, $1,060; No 3 Ord, $1,060; No 4 Long, $1,060; No 4 Ord, $1,050; No 1 Ord, $1,075; UG, $1,070; No 1 Tow, $930; No 2 Tow, $930. All sellers, May-June.

PEPPER quiet.—White Sarawak fob, cif, Euro ports £1,020 a long ton; Black Sarawak, "special" cif Euro ports, £715; Black Malabar, cif UK £630. All sellers, April-May.

WHEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF.—Scotch chilled hindquarters 28.0-31.5p a lb; English forequarters 16.0-20.0p; Eire forequarters 17.0-20.0p; Argentine chilled hindquarters 23.0-27.0p; rumps 24.0-27.0p; top sides, 35.0-47.0p; silversides 44.0-45.0p; thicks 43.0-44.0p.

VEAL.—English fats (special quotation 34p) 17.0-32.0p; English bobbies (special quotation 34p) 12.0-14.0p; Scotch bobbies 10.0-14.0p; Spring lambs and ends 35.0-40.0p. LAMB.—English small New Season 34.0-40.0p; English medium 34.0-38.0p; English heavy 30.0-36.0p; Imported frozen New Zealand PL 26.0-27.0p; PM 25.5-26.5p; 84 25.0-26.5p; YM's 25.5-26.5p; 44 2.0p; YL's 26.0-26.5p; YEWES.—11.0-14.0p. PORK.—28.0-32.5p. EWES.—11.0-14.0p. BEEF.—English, under 100lb 16.0-22.5p; 100-120lb 17.0-22.0p; 120-160lb 17.0-20.5p; 160-180lb 16.0-20.5p; 180lb and over 17.5-19.0p.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures closed barely steady at £1.0 to £6.5 lower on sales of 2,016 lots. Arabica futures remained dull.

Robusta contract closed barely steady.—May, £597.0-9.0 a long ton; July, £597.0-8.5; Sept, £589.0-9.5; Nov, £585.0-91.0; Jan, £62.0-90.0; March, £64.0-61.0; May, £65.0-7.0. Sales, 2,019 lots, including 51 options.

Arabica futures dull.—June $80.80-81.90 per kilo; Aug, $84.00-84.10; Oct, $85.00-$4.00; Dec, $85.00-87.50; Feb, $87.00-88.00; April $89.00-89.00; June, $90.50-90.20. Sales, nil lots.

COCOA was steady, closing £5.00 a tonne higher on balance on sales of a metric ton; July, £1005.0-1010.0 a metric ton; July, £96.0-97.0; Sept, £950.0-50.0; Dec, £937.5-96.0; March, £960-0.0; May, £990.0-5.0. Sales, March, £60-0.0; May, £990.0-5.0. Sales, 1,541 lots. ICCO prices daily, 5.81 cents a lb, 14-day average, 5.67 cents; 22-day, 5.446.

SUGAR closed £1 to £4.50 higher on balance on sales of 2,509 lots.

The London daily sugar price was unchanged at £234 a long ton. Aug, £1[illegible]; Oct, £196.50-96.25; Dec, £185.00-85.25; March, £176.10-76.25; May, £165.50-65.75; Aug, £155.00-55.00; Oct, £151.00-54.00. Sales, 2,510 lots. ISA price, 22.03 cents a lb; 15-day average, 24.03c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2 14 per cent July, transshipment, £[illegible] East coast seller. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—BARLEY easy.—May, expired; Sept, £51.60; Nov, £52.35; Jan, £52.50; Spt, £49.85; Nov, £50.25; Jan, £54.90; March, £54.20. WHEAT, easy.—May, expired; Sept, £51.60; Nov, £53.00; Jan, £54.90; March, £57.10.

Mark Lane experienced quieter conditions and although prices showed no basic changes, an undertone was barely steady. The to loosing are average sellers' quotations for imported delivery to the London area. WHEAT.—Milling, Hagberg, June, £62.50; July, £63; dependable quality, June, £61.50; July, £62. BARLEY.—Feed June, £57 quoted. OATS quoted.

HOME-GROWN CEREAL AUTHORITY'S location average ex-farm spot prices.—Soft milling wheat, Hitchin, £60.70; Feeding barley, Dunfries, £55.65; Hitchin, £57.05.

SOYABEAN OIL quiet.—May, $700.00-800.00 a metric ton; July, $725.00-60.00; Sept, $[illegible]; Nov, $545.00-75.00; Jan, $[illegible]; March, $495.00-515.00; May, $500.00-510.00. Sales, 6 lots.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Arbuthnot Ltd., Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2.			061-236 5715
48.1	30.7	Giants	28.3	30.7	3.00
43.6	31.6	Do Accum	29.1	31.5	2.00
44.7	35.6	Growth	23.6	24.0	3.00
55.1	38.2	Do Accum	24.2	26.8	3.00
45.5	39.8	Income	29.5	31.1	7.40
46.9	38.1	Do Accum	29.8	32.2	7.40
37.2	30.7	Int Accum	19.7	20.7	2.30
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 29-30 Gainsborough Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks			0296-5941
22.3	17.7	Abbey Cap	17.7	18.7	2.94
20.0	18.3	Abbey Inc	20.2	21.3	5.04
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 5 Ravleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex.			0277 227300
47.5	31.1	Abbey Gen	30.1	31.8	2.83
		Abbey Trust Managers, 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2.			01-588 6371
81.3	53.6	Abbey Trst*	52.3	55.5	3.63
58.1	39.0	Do Income*	37.3	39.3	6.60
		Allied Hambro Group Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex			01-588 2851
71.6	47.3	Allied Cap	44.6	47.6	5.19
62.7	46.3	Do Int	44.6	47.6	5.19
69.7	48.3	Brit Ind 2nd	42.5	45.5	5.65
38.8	28.5	Growth & Inc	25.0	26.7	5.51
32.3	22.7	Exec & Ind Dev	21.5	22.9	5.72
37.6	28.4	Met Min & Capdy	31.1	33.2	5.20
53.3	42.7	High Inc	41.3	44.0	6.25
38.6	24.3	Equity Inc	24.6	26.3	7.10
24.6	21.1	International	19.5	21.1	1.98
118.8	70.3	Hambro Fnd	34.4	36.7	7.32
50.7	38.5	Do Accum	42.5	45.3	7.32
90.5	64.0	Do Recovery	60.6	70.3e	0.25
38.1	16.3	Do Smaller	16.7	17.8	5.49
23.8	18.1	Do Accum	17.5	18.7	4.77
20.1	18.6	2nd Smaller	19.8	21.0	5.83
50.6	38.4	Recs of America	38.0	38.8	1.00
101.6	80.5	Exempt Fnd	98.7	102.8e	6.56
		Authacker Unit Management Co Ltd., 1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JE.			01-606 4810
45.4	29.0	Nth American	26.8	29.0	5.77
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd., 252/6 Romford Road, London, E7.			01-534 5521
76.5	46.6	Barclays Cap	45.2	49.1	5.63
75.7	47.4	Exempt*	47.5	49.6e	6.78
29.5	16.6	Extra Inc	16.8	17.8e	5.29
66.6	42.4	Financial	41.3	43.9	4.58
34.5	21.1	General	21.2	22.5e	6.03
48.0	24.0	Growth Accum	23.9	25.3	2.57
73.5	46.4	Inc	41.5	43.7	7.21
32.9	20.7	Recovery	21.3	22.6	5.90
125.0	78.0	Trustee	73.7	77.6	5.56
68.6	41.8	Unicorn * 500	42.7	44.6	5.71
60.3	45.5	Worldwide	49.4	43.5	6.41
69.5	58.2	Asset Income	55.8	58.2	7.29
79.6	65.3	Do Accum	63.3	65.3	2.99
		Brandts Ltd., 36 Fenchurch St, London, E.C.3			01-626 6393
143.0	97.0	Brandts Cap (4)	98.0	103.0e	2.77
149.0	100.0	Do Accum (4)	102.0	107.0e	2.77
141.0	90.0	Brandts Inp (4)	92.0	96.0	7.88
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd., Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3.			01-623 4061
100.0	74.0	Bridge Ex (2)	70.0	74.0	3.57
206.0	188.0	Do Inc (2)	177.0	186.0e	2.77
132.0	121.0	Do Cap (2)	125.0	131.0e	2.73
116.0	111.0	DoCapAccr (2)	130.0	137.0	2.73
116.0	82.0	O'seas Inc (3)	79.0	83.0	3.84
118.0	83.0	Do Accum (3)	79.0	83.0	3.84
		The British Life Office Ltd., 21 Whitehorse St, London, W8.			01-583 5756
60.0	34.7	British Life	34.3	37.5	4.44
32.7	23.3	Balanced (2)	23.3	24.6e	4.28
29.0	22.5	Do Accum (2)	22.5	27.0	2.11
46.6	29.4	Dividend (2)	30.3	31.9e	3.54
41.5	30.8	Opp Accum (2)	30.3	31.9e	3.54
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers, Foundry Court, Lechlade, Glos.			01-600 5520
119.8	100.1	Brs Ship Inc (7)	100.8	104.3	6.00
188.4	138.7	Do Accum (7)	140.2	145.2	6.00
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 6 Charles II St, London, SW1.			01-930 6123
35.5	24.1	Canlife Gen	23.8	25.0	4.65
34.0	25.1	Do Accum	25.1	26.4	4.65
25.8	20.7	Income Dist	19.3	21.5	8.34
25.0	21.1	Do Accum	21.3	22.49	8.34
		Cardiel Unit Fund Managers Ltd., Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.			0632 21165
77.8	55.1	Cardiel (8)	55.6	58.9	3.44
60.6	57.3	Do Accum	55.6	58.0	3.44
		Chartered Official Investment, 77 London Wall, London, EC2.			01-588 1815
137.7	97.0	Inc* (28)	90.8	—	7.51
207.8	121.0	Accum* (28)	130.3	—	4.65
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd., 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4.			01-248 9009
39.4	15.4	Int (3)	15.4	16.8	2.21
30.0	17.8	Accum (3)	18.6	20.2	2.21
44.8	22.6	Inc (3)	21.4	22.6	1.54
28.4	21.4	Euro Fin (3)	18.8	20.0	9.50
20.0	13.6	Fund Inv (3)			
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh.			031-226 4931
41.2	19.4	Growth Fnd	18.9	21.2	4.38
53.8	34.8	Inc	27.6	29.7	4.74
43.2	27.4	Reserves Fnd	27.8	29.7	7.32
48.8	30.5	High Inc	30.3	32.3e	7.13
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd., 65 Gresham St, EC2.			01-606 4455
124.7	82.3	Income	82.5	87.4e	6.17
156.0	92.1	Accum			
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 43/45 South St, Eastbourne.			0323 39711
25.0	15.5	Commodity	21.0	22.4	2.97
30.6	22.3	Growth	18.7	17.8	4.32
24.4	17.0	Inv Trust	18.2	20.0	7.14
42.1	23.6	Drayton Inc	22.2	23.7	4.56
39.7	22.2	Do Accum	21.7	23.7	4.56
		Equitas Securities Ltd., 61 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.			0277 227300
71.5	45.3	Progressive	44.9	47.9e	3.83
		F & C Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd., Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks.			0494 32815
54.4	40.1	Equity & Law	37.5	40.2e	4.25
		Family Fund Managers Ltd., 72-80 Gatehouse Rd Aylesbury Bucks.			0296 3941
74.3	54.7	Family Fnd	51.4	54.7	3.45
		Framlington Unit Management Ltd., Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2.			01-628 4006
72.6	51.0	Capital	44.4	47.2	5.52
62.5	39.0	Inc	41.0	43.6e	6.60
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Management Ltd., 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3.			01-623 4911
35.1	21.2	Friends Prov	21.2	22.4e	5.48
36.0	22.5	Do Accum	23.3	24.7	5.18
		Funds in Court, Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2.			01-405 4300
		Unauthorized Unit Trusts			
117.2	78.0	Cap	75.0	78.0	3.84
89.5	56.0	Gross Inc	56.0	60.0	7.45
87.4	64.0	High Yield	65.0	67.0	7.87
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.			01-588 2800
33.9	21.3	G & A	20.4	21.8e	5.20
		GT Unit Managers Ltd., 16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1.			01-606 3011
57.5	34.4	GT Cap	31.6	33.9	2.00
63.5	35.7	Do Accum	30.0	32.2	2.00
59.4	34.1	Do Income	31.8	34.2	6.09
101.4	84.5	Do US Gen Fnd	85.4	91.3	1.00
101.8	84.6	Do Japan Gen	83.4	97.3	1.00
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd., Royal Exchange, London, EC3.			01-283 1031
93.5	54.8	Guardhill	55.3	57.3	4.22
		Henderson Administration Ltd., 77 Austin Friars, London, EC2.			01-588 3020
109.2	83.5	Cabot	97.5	103.0	3.87
197.5	118.0	Henderson Gr*	110.0	116.0	3.87
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd., PO Box 179, Croydon, CR9 6AL.			01-681 1031
65.5	39.4	Dollar	23.2	24.7	2.61
56.9	34.7	International	33.5	35.6e	4.43
144.3	84.3	Brit Trust	83.5	88.4e	5.11
34.9	23.3	Brit Guernsey	17.8	19.2	5.51
27.6	17.4	Cap	16.9	18.4e	3.25
79.9	50.1	Fin Trst	15.2	16.2e	7.76
25.3	15.1	Inc Trst	15.1	17.3	1.85
24.4	15.0	High Yield	31.3	33.5	4.17
47.3	31.4	Secs Trst			
		Ionian Unit Trust Management Ltd., 84 Coleman St, London, EC2.			01-628 5858
181.0	92.0	Foreign Fnd (2)	88.0	95.0e	4.23
203.0	113.0	Growth Fnd (28)	121.0	127.0e	4.80
100.0	73.3	Inc Fnd (28)	76.0	80.0e	10.38
		Jascot Securities Ltd., 21 Young St, Edinburgh.			031-225 6782
27.6	22.0	Commercial (2)	22.9	24.9	9.38
29.0	22.8	Do Accum (2)	24.0	26.0	9.38
30.0	23.1	8% W'draw (3)	23.0	24.6	12.30
31.0	20.5	Preference	22.5	24.6	12.30
24.0	24.2	Do Accum	16.6	18.2	
26.4	17.0	Cap (2)	22.9	24.0	3.70
25.2	22.8	Aust Comp Fnd	20.3	21.2	
22.4	23.6	8% W'draw	14.3	15.9	4.16
31.8	28.3	Sector Ldrs (3)	13.4	15.1	4.55
24.8	14.3	Fin & Prop (3)	29.3	31.7	3.37
41.5	29.3	Int Growth (4)	20.3	21.5	2.84
28.7	21.5	Nth Sea (3)	30.5	32.4e	7.41
45.8	30.5	Commodity (3)	37.5	41.5e	7.41
49.1	34.9	Do Accum (3)	31.9	34.9e	..
49.2	29.1	10% W'draw (3)			
		Jessel Britannia Group, 135 Fenchurch St, London, EC3.			01-626 7563
68.1	54.5	Brit Equum Plus	50.6	54.5e	4.50
40.3	29.7	Brit Gas	29.3	31.3e	4.62
41.0	20.8	Extra Inc	20.3	22.7	1.56
21.9	21.3	High Income	21.9	22.0e	12.18
34.3	37.3	Jessel Cap	37.3	40.1e	4.00
19.0	16.4	Do Inv'st Ldrs	16.9	17.8	5.29
63.6	38.2	Do Global	48.9	49.3e	2.57
271.5	118.3	Do Gold & G	189.9	271.0	0.28
36.9	41.6	Do Inc	43.6	46.8e	8.75
34.5	21.8	Do Inv Units	21.6	23.2	4.24
64.3	30.6	Do New Inc	32.5	33.1	2.55
34.7	12.6	Do Prop & G	13.1	13.9	3.97
38.4	41.8	Do Plant&Gen	44.4	47.7e	5.90
22.6	19.5	Aust & Gen(5)	19.3	21.5	4.24
27.6	15.0	JL 1st Cons	15.0	16.6	2.82
		Key Fund Managers, 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JR.			01-606 7070
78.0	52.1	Cap Fund	51.3	54.0	4.19
97.9	68.6	Exempt Fnd (38)	70.5	74.3	7.77
50.5	40.1	Inc Fnd	48.3	70.1	2.48
93.1	66.4	KFIP	64.6		
		Lazard & General Syndicate Funds, 48 Cannon St, EC4.			0272 32241
40.0	31.8	Dist	40.0	43.4	5.28
52.0	44.8	Accum	43.2	43.8	5.28

Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers, 72 Lombard Street, London, EC3.

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
63.0	33.0	1st Inc	31.9	33.9e	4.98
60.9	38.3	Accum	37.8	40.2	4.98
54.2	39.0	2nd Inc	35.8	38.0	4.26
60.9	37.1	Accum	37.4	41.5	4.26
76.5	49.4	3rd Inc	50.6	53.9e	7.61
60.5	53.5	Accum	56.5	60.1	7.61
		Morgan Grenfell Funds, 23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2.			01-588 4545
148.5	111.4	Cap (3)	108.1	111.4	2.81
113.0	78.5	Exempt(28)	71.9	81.4	4.06
51.2	37.8	Inc (3)	37.1	38.7	7.00
18.13	10.56	Inc Agency (4)	10.14	10.56	2.95
		M & G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.			01-626 4588
139.7	112.9	M & G General	116.1	122.0	5.31
199.6	145.0	Do Accum	148.3	157.3	5.31
150.2	102.2	2nd Gen	107.0	113.4	4.88
188.5	139.0	Do Accum	137.3	145.5	4.88
139.1	74.5	Mid & Gen	78.8	84.5e	7.18
176.6	103.4	Do Accum	104.6	112.3	7.18
96.5	62.1	Dist Fnd	59.6	63.9	8.62
138.7	99.8	Do Accum	99.8	107.1	8.62
141.8	93.2	Special Trst	91.5	98.2	4.71
162.3	101.1	Do Accum	100.6	108.5	3.64
268.2	198.5	Magnum Fnd	201.0	211.1	4.87
288.9	215.2	Do Accum	221.0	233.0	4.87
69.6	43.1	Prop	41.6	44.6	3.12
78.4	46.1	Do Accum	45.5	48.0	3.12
90.5	64.4	Compound	63.9	68.3	6.74
142.1	104.6	Recovery	107.0	113.4	9.82
60.0	41.4	Extra Yield	42.3	45.5e	9.82
60.0	41.4	Do Accum	43.9	48.3	9.82
117.0	86.0	Japan	100.0	105.6	..
56.0	46.8	Euro & Gen	46.0	49.0	5.14
45.0	25.7	American & Gen	24.1	25.7	4.57
56.1	43.7	Australasian	45.9	49.9	3.04
32.7	32.3	Far East Inc	29.5	31.4	7.36
42.7	32.7	Do Accum	38.7	42.5	7.36
140.9	58.3	Trustee Fnd	54.4	59.5e	6.30
200.7	129.9	Do Accum	133.0	145.5	6.30
183.9	97.7	Cmdy Accum (2)	95.6	98.0e	7.63
136.0	96.9	Pension* (1)	88.6	88.7e	8.61
139.0	89.9	Supertrust (4)	89.0	92.1e	7.46
137.4	87.5	NAACIP	77.5	..	10.87
85.7	56.3	Do Accum	59.1	..	10.87
		M & G Scotland Ltd., Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.			01-626 4588
60.7	41.5	Clyde Conv	39.2	41.5	3.56
74.8	51.0	Clyde Gen	47.5	50.4e	5.57
83.0	58.3	Do Accum	56.2	59.6	5.57
73.4	51.0	Clyde High Inc	53.7	56.9	9.55
73.4	51.0	Do Accum	55.0	58.3	9.55
90.7	57.9	Clyde Managed	58.7	67.9	..
		The National Group of Unit Trusts, 3-5 Norwich Street, London, EC4.			01-405 8891
54.3	37.0	Century	36.2	38.1	3.68
53.2	36.8	Com Cons	36.0	37.9	3.95
53.2	36.8	Domestic	35.8	31.3e	5.57
73.5	45.3	Gas Ind Power	45.7	48.3	3.77
59.5	37.6	Hundred Secs	36.9	37.6e	5.61
48.1	29.4	Inv Gen	29.1	30.7	5.61
80.5	51.7	Do 2nd Gen	49.0	51.7	3.88
62.1	38.1	Nat'lnfd	38.2	40.2	4.88
50.8	32.1	Nat Gas	37.9	40.0	5.68
126.4	121.0	Do 1st/2nd	121.0	127.3e	4.00
57.5	50.4	Do High Inc	57.5	60.5	4.71
61.1	54.1	NUPITS	61.1	64.3	4.98
98.0	100.8	Natural Resources	98.0	100.8	4.00
47.6	32.8	Prov Inv Trst	32.8	34.5	3.91
53.5	38.1	Scot Units	53.5	58.1	4.48
38.5	41.1e	Security Int	38.5	41.1e	2.73
37.2	30.4	Shamrock	49.6	52.1	9.72
157.0	135.4e	Shield	97.0	102.1	2.73
76.0	52.3	Tdlvestnl 2nd	76.0	82.3	4.35
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd., 48 Gracechurch St, EC3.			01-623 4200
31.5	33.3	NPI Accum (18)	31.5	33.3	4.70
29.8	31.4	N Dist (18)	29.8	31.4e	4.70
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers, 15 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP.			01-606 6044
61.2	40.3	Capital	39.1	41.2	4.05
23.0	22.4	Income	22.0	23.4	6.34
38.5	27.6	Financial	25.9	27.6	4.05
42.0	27.6	Growth	28.3	29.9	4.56
91.7	83.6	Cmdty Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd., Plimpers Hall, Austin Friars, EC2.			01-588 8381
27.8	19.5	Financial	27.8	29.5	2.43
11.4	18.5e	General	11.4	18.5e	4.64
29.0	21.0	Growth	29.0	29.7

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London and Regional Market Prices

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BRITISH FUNDS

1973/74 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. earr Yield
98½	85	Treas 9½% 1974	99½	..	3.611
93½	84¾	Treas 8½% 1974	97½	[illegible]	6.934
97½	82¾	Treas 6% 1975	90¼	..	6.234
99⅝	93¾	Treas 8% 1975	97	..	8.217
93¾	82½	Savings 3½% 1965/75	93½	+½	3.209
85	68	Exch 6% 1976	92¾	+½	7.013
94⅝	86	Treas 6½% 1976	94½	+½	7.232
99½	85	Victory 4% 1976	94½	..	4.145
98¾	94½	Treas 10½% 1978	97¼	[illegible]	10.797
91⅝	83¾	Treas 6% 1977	89½	+½	7.073
87	81¼	Elec 3% 1974-77	84¾	..	3.452
95½	88¾	Treas 11½% 1977	98½	+½	11.676
83¾	77¾	Trans 4% 1972-77	83½	..	4.789
101½	88¾	Treas 9% 1978	91½	+¾	9.794
86½	73¾	Exch 6% 1978-79	82¾	+½	8.056
78½	68½	Treas 3% 1979	74½	+½	4.834
81¾	69¾	Elec 4½% 1979-79	76½	+½	5.492
77¾	67½	Elec 3½% 1978-79	74½	+½	4.612
100¾	81¾	Treas Cnv 8% 1980	97½	+½	10.388
87¾	69¾	Fund 5½% 1978-80	78	+½	6.984
75¾	64½	Treas 3½% 17-20 CI	72	+½	3.849
75¾	61¾	Treas 3½% 79-81 EI	70½	+½	5.034
97¾	77½	Treas 8½% 1980-82	92¾	..	10.683
94	93½	Treas 12% 1982	98	+½	12.198
89⅝	81¾	Fund 5½% 1982-84	86½	..	8.473
95¾	79¾	Treas 8½% 1984-86	79½	..	11.539
81¾	59¾	Fund 6½% 1985-87	82½	..	10.142
87½	63¾	Treas 7% 1985-88	89½	..	11.026
84½	57¾	Trans 3% 1978-88	57½	..	7.072
64½	45	Treas 9% 1986-88	94½	..	9.343
90½	64½	Treas 5% 1987-90	85½	..	12.307
77¾	47¾	Fund 9½% 1987-91	95¾	..	10.944
72¾	47½	Fund 6% 1995	52¾	..	11.671
95½	63½	Treas 9% 1994	64½	..	13.215
63	31½	Redmptn 3½% 1986-96	33¾	..	9.914
67½	29½	Gas 3% 1990-95	32½	+½	10.883
96½	64	Treas 9% 1990-92	94½	..	12.198
73¾	47¾	Treas 6½% 1993-98	62¾	..	12.948
94½	63	Treas 8% 1997	86½	..	15.810
93½	65½	Treas 9% 1999	93¾	+½	13.612
43¾	29¾	Fund 3½% 1999-84	31½	..	11.296
74¾	54¾	Treas 7% 2001-06	69½	..	13.685
61¾	38¾	Treas 2½% 2008-12	42¾	+½	13.384
75½	53½	Treas 7% 2012-15	68½	+½	13.799
40½	27¾	Consols 4%	29½	..	14.107
39¾	23¾	War Ln 3½%	25½	+½	13.705
39½	28½	Conv 3½%	28½	..	13.683
31½	19¾	Treas 3%	21½	..	14.242
25¾	16¾	Consols 2½%	18¾	..	13.917
26½	16¾	Treas. 2½% Aft 75	18¾	..	14.097

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1973/74 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Div Yld Pence %	P/E
93¾	85½	Aust 5½% 70-75	90¾	..	2.689	10.960
86½	73¾	Aust 5½% 76-78	78¾	..	7.833	12.801
82½	67¾	Aust 6% 77-80	72¾	..	7.157	13.000
72¾	59	Aust 5½% 79-81	64½	..	5.669	10.210
75½	58½	Aust 6% 81-83	65¾	..	9.910	12.065
65½	53	Aust 6% 74-76	57¾	..	6.954	12.368
83½	67¾	Aust 7% 79-81	72¾	..	9.762	13.173
99	92	Berlin 4% Ass	94	..		
83	67	Ceylon 4½% 1958	73½	..	4.356	14.425
94	80	Chilean Mixed	94	..		
74¾	53¾	E Africa 5% 63	54	..	10.583	15.200
197	180	German 4% 1958	191	..		
38	23½	Hungary 4% 1924	25½	..		
86½	66¾	Ireland 5½% 81-83	71½	..		
97¾	75	Jamaica 7% 77-79	79¾	..	10.254	15.402
108	85	Japan Ass 4% 1910	109	..		
77	57	Jamaica 6% 68-78	58	..		
73¾	57½	Kenya 6% 78-80	58	..	9.129	15.153
85¾	66	Malaya 7½% 75-82	71	..	10.879	15.966
85¾	67¾	N Z 6% 76-98	73¾	..	8.407	15.263
63¾	53¾	N Z 6% 75-80	57½	..	8.370	15.066
73¾	54½	N Z 7½% 82-87	59¾	..	12.341	15.893
83½	69½	N Z 7½% 93-98	69¾	..	11.926	15.522
78¾	69	N Rhd 6% 79-81	73½	..	8.521	12.733
78¾	66	Nyasa 6% 76-81	71½	..	8.642	13.028
88	70	Peru 6% Ass	88	..		
90¾	82½	S A Gov 5½% 74-76	89	..		
81	63	S Rhd 3½% 68-70	69	..		
63¾	53¾	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	59	..		
82	68	S Rhd 4% 78-81	73	..		
52½	48	Spanish 4%	52	..		
76½	56½	Tang 5½% 58-83	66	..	10.133	15.543
74	54	Uruguay 3½%	13¾	..		

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1973/74 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Div Yld Pence %	P/E
59¾	19¾	L C C 3% 1920	20½	..	14.572	..
74	52	L C C 6½ 80-83	58½	..	9.842	13.212
80	58	L C C 8½% 77-81	68	..	8.368	12.834
74¾	63	L C C 8½ 84-86	65½	..	8.346	12.888
70	48¾	L C C 5½% 85-87	52¾	..	10.473	13.941
80¾	71	L C C 6% 88-90	74	..	7.769	13.314
86½	68	L C C 6% 78-79	74½	..	9.204	13.260
81½	63	L C C 6% 91-94	72½	..	8.799	13.697
85½	63½	L C C 6% 92-95	72½	..	8.711	13.448
90¾	80	G L C 6½% 1976	84½	..	7.860	13.447
77¾	50	G L C 5½% 80-82	54	..	12.344	13.689
93¾	73½	G L C 8½% 1977	84¾	..	8.509	13.414
104½	78¾	G L C 6% 85-87	75½	..	9.275	13.329
90½	73¾	C of L 6½% 78-79	75½	..	9.456	13.198
83	61½	C of L 6½% 80-83	66½	..	11.661	13.992
90¾	65¾	Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	68	..	13.313	14.662
75¾	48	Ag Mt 6% 85-90	52¾	..	12.581	14.440
75¾	63¾	Belfast 6½% 1974	65½	..	9.783	14.750
83¾	70½	Brighton 6½% 76-79	73¾	..	8.380	13.354
89¾	61¾	Bristol 6½% 77-82	65½	..	7.841	13.417
92	89½	Bucks Sec 13% 91	91½	..	13.745	13.362
89¾	72	Camden 6½% 77-79	75¾	..	8.325	13.348
90½	69½	Croydon 6½% 78-81	70	..	9.692	13.294
80½	72½	Croydon 6½% 77-79	76¾	..	9.533	13.446
101½	77	Glasgow 9½% 82-87	90¾	..	11.538	13.246
91	74	Gwich 6½% 76-78	76½	..	8.394	13.448
90¾	78½	Herts 6½% 75-77	83	..	8.131	13.478
39¾	23¾	Liverpl 5½% 75	25¾	..	6.060	13.326
39½	28½	Liverpl 7½% 76-77	35¾	..	8.408	13.420
33¾	29½	Met Water B	26	+½	11.848	12.902
75	67	N I 7% 1985	69½	..	9.839	13.710
76	61¾	N I 7% 82-84	63	..	11.135	14.030
75¾	55	N I Elec 6½% 85-87	56½	..	11.538	15.440
91	74¾	Notts 6½% 76-78	79	..	8.339	13.422
89	69½	Sheind 5½% 77-79	73½	..	7.242	13.333
81	65¾	Swark 6½% 83-85	69½	..	11.248	13.426
84½	65¾	Surrey 6½% 78-80	73½	..	8.404	13.210

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Yld Pence %	P/E
		COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL				
		A — B				
132	115	AAH	132	..	11.0	9.3 7.6
146	92	AB Electronic	95	-3	9.5	6.1 7.6
42	31	AC Cars	42	..	1.6	3.8 10.3
88	67	AD Intl	68	-1	3.0	4.4 17.4
126½	99	AGB Research	40	-1	3.0	7.5 8.1
213	155	AEU Hldgs	185	-6	11.2	6.1 8.3
114	36	AVP Ind	49	-1	2.2	6.4 [illegible]
158	46	Aaronson Bros	53	-1	1.9	3.5 [illegible]
78	35	Abbey Panels	40	-1	4.0	10.0 [illegible]
203	70	Acrow	90	..	5.0	8.3 16.6
120	44	Do A	55	-3	5.0	8.6 12.0
32	13	Adams Food	19	-1	1.0	5.2 8.8
51	13	Addo Ind	21	-1	1.1	5.2 4.0
114	45	Advance Elect	54	..	3.6	6.7 6.3
100	86	Advent Group	100	-3	9.8	6.8 9.8
73	38	Aeron'n & Gen	41	-2	1.4	3.5 [illegible]
125	70	Airfix Ind	195	..	3.7	3.8 [illegible]
120	39	Do NV	48	..	3.7	7.8 [illegible]
40½	20	Albright & W	40½	-½	3.3	8.1 3.2
1010	710	Alcan 10%	815	..	1040	14.4 ..
101½	70	Do 5% Cnv	100	..	100	11.2 ..
97½	69½	Do 5% Cnv	100	+1½	100	11.2 ..
73	41	Allen E.	46	..	1.3	3.3 4.9
34	20	Allen W. G.	34	-2	3.3	10.2 5.3
126	101	Allied Colloids	125	-1	8.1	7.1 17.5
82	62	Allied Polymer	78	-2½	5.4	9.8 7.8
55	33	Alpine Hldgs	55	..	3.4	10.7 6.7
207	169	Amal Metal	178	-2	16.0	9.1 4.8
101	41	Amal Power	49½	-½	4.0	8.3 3.6
127	56	Amari	87	..	1.6a	3.3 7.7
52	31	Anchor Chem	32	..	4.7	9.0 7.2
196	134	Anderson Strath	176	-2	12.5	7.1 10.2
48	34	Anglin Food	38	..	0.3	3.2 48.4
615	286	Anglo Amer Ind	350	..	31.1	5.4 10.9
84	52	Ang Sales Hldgs	77	..	4.3	11.3 6.0
127	72½	Anglo-Thai Corp	72	-12	3.6	1.3 11.9
154	36	Anglovent	35	..	2.1	3.3 9.2
117	49	Anglucast	49	..	2.1	4.3 [illegible]
55	37	Antiseptic 'A'	50	..	2.5	5.0 [illegible]
32	17	Do 'B'	17	..	0.9	5.3 [illegible]
32	17	Arlington Ind	17	..	1.0	5.9 [illegible]
42	32	Arlington Shanks	32	..	2.3	7.2 [illegible]
141	86	Armit Fmdp	97	-4	2.5	6.1 6.1
107	69	Asprey Grp	78	..	5.3	12.6 [illegible]
107	41	Ass Biscuit	49	-1	3.3	6.8 [illegible]
70	45	Do A	70	-1	3.3	3.4 [illegible]
18	12	Ass Brit Eng	18	..		
32	22½	Ass Brit Food	32½	..	2.1	6.5 [illegible]
29½	22	Ass Engineer	29½	..	4.5b	11.3 [illegible]
32	22	Ass Fisheries	25	..	5.0	9.4 6.9
102	71	Ass Food	102	..	5.0b	5.4 6.4
35	21	Ass Leisure	25	..	2.0b	8.0 5.4
109	78	Ass News	109	..	5.8	5.3 8.2
56	41	Ass Paper	56	..	2.7	7.6 5.6
117	103	Ass Port Cement	105	..	10.1	9.6 5.2
41	35	Ass Tel 'A'	41	..	7.3	13.5 5.4
92	60	Atlas Stone	92	..	6.0	6.5 7.3
16	11	Attwood Garage	11	..	1.0	9.1 [illegible]
155	36	Audiorentc	45	..	3.6	12.7 6.0
39	19½	Ault & Wiborg	33½	..	2.8	8.6 7.3
114	36	Aurora Gear	42	..	0.9	6.5 11.9
70	50	Austin E.	53	..	3.1	5.7 7.4
32	23½	Automotive Pd	30½	..	2.1	8.5 4.3
73	60	Averys	73	..	3.6	6.3 8.2
86	61	Avon Rubber	75	-1½	3.0	4.0 8.7
37	27	BBG Grp	33	-1	3.3	9.3 8.0
70	50	BPB Ind	61	-1	2.4	3.9 8.5
93	71	BSR Ltd	93	..	2.8	3.0 8.4
14	9	B H Ltd	12	..	0.4	3.0 5.0
58	33	Babcock & W	57	..	2.4	4.3 6.8
127	54	Bacal Corp	55	-4	7.0	17.3 3.6
120	39	Bagnall'ge Brk	39	..	2.4	7.8 5.1
74	54	Baird N.	65	..	11.7	12.1 5.9
49	19	Baker Perkins	50	..	4.7	9.4 6.9
38	23	Bambergers	38	..	3.3	8.5 4.3
41	31½	Barker & Dixon	39	..	3.0	19.6 6.5
265	100½	Barlow Rand	265	-1	12.4b	4.8 8.3
43	29	Barr & Wallace	37	..	4.0	8.6 3.7
33	23	Do A	33	..	4.0	12.1 [illegible]
68	48	Barratt Devs	60	-6	8.9	9.8 2.8
86	36	Barrow Hepb	46	..	3.4	7.4 5.4
39	28	Barton & Sons	35	-2	4.2	10.3 3.1
110	82	Bassett G.	85½	..	6.0	7.0 [illegible]
84	33½	Bath & Phland	43	..	3.3	7.0 6.6
112	84	Baxters Butch	112	k ..	4.2b	3.8 18.4
100	82	Baxter Fell	82	..	3.3	4.0 [illegible]
41	30	Baker J.	41	..	4.2	10.1 8.0
144	52	Beatson Clark	68	..	3.5	8.3 5.8
350	205	Beaverbrook	293	..		
73	30½	Do A	73	..		
79	44	Beckman A.	50	..	6.0	12.0 6.5
311	206	Beecham Grp	215	-6	7.0	3.2 12.6
32	17	Belam Grp	22	..	1.4b	6.4 [illegible]
115	51	Bemrose Corp	34	..	3.1	9.1 12.8
22	20	Benn Bros	22	..	2.3	10.0 6.0
96	64	Bensons Int	95	-7	9.5	3.8 6.3
88	65	Berisford's & W.	88	..	5.8	6.6 [illegible]
58	38	Berlisords	58	..	2.6	6.7 6.5
35	22	Berwick Timpo	35	..	2.0	5.7 4.9
109	81	Bestobell	109	..	5.5	9.0 [illegible]
38	19	Bibby J.	36	-6	15.4b	4.2 [illegible]
103	33	Birmid Qualcast	38	..	5.1	14.3 4.5
135	38	Birm gham Mint	78	..	6.3m	6.8 5.4
100	75	Bishops Stores	100	..	8.3	8.3 [illegible]
60	35	Do A NV	60	..	2.3	4.2 10.8
146	106	Black & Edg'n	144	-2	6.9	4.8 13.0
63	45	Blackman & C	54	..	4.9	8.5 4.8
63	37	Blackwd Hodge	37½	-1	1.9	5.1 [illegible]
31	21	Blackwood Sh	28	..	5.0	13.1 3.0
64	44	Blagden & N	57	-2	7.1	12.3 6.0
39	29	Blumenl Bros	30	..	2.1	7.0 [illegible]
38	26	Blundell Perm	36	-2	2.3	6.3 [illegible]
13	11	Boardman K. O.	13	..	1.2	9.3 6.0
120	75	Bodycote	115	-2	6.0	5.4 5.4
120	90	Bolton Textile	112	..	6.9	7.4 5.4
68	56	Booker McConn	120	+1	7.3	6.1 8.5
37	26	B'ers & Hwkes	35	..	5.0	5.9 10.7
19	13	Boots	17	..	6.2	3.5 10.2
13	10	Boulton W.	13	..	5.9	3.4 10.3
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85	55	Braithwaite	70	..	8.4	9.3 6.3
53	33	Bremner	53	..	3.4	6.4 [illegible]
38	28	Brent Chem Int	30	..	1.4	3.7 9.3
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114	92	Bright J. Grp	92½	..	2.8	11.7 7.0
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who will receive completed applications until Friday, 14th June, 1974.

Cheshire County Council

Director, Tatton Park, Cheshire PO1- £3273-£4356

Tatton Park is maintained and financed by Cheshire County Council on lease from the National Trust. It is the most visited of all enclosed properties owned by the National Trust, and includes the House, 50 acres of formal gardens and over 1,000 acres of parkland.

The Director will be responsible to the Director of Countryside and Recreation for managing the House and estate and will be expected to participate in any further development of Tatton for the enjoyment of the public.

The successful candidate is unlikely to be less than 35 years old. He will have proven administrative ability, be imaginative and able to work with professionals, experts and people of all walks of life. He will have a genuine interest in history, objets d'art and the countryside. Most importantly, he will need to be able to communicate easily with the public and be sensitive to their needs so that they are able to obtain the maximum enjoyment and benefit from a visit to Tatton Park. The County Council will be looking for substantial management experience and a degree or relevant professional qualification will be an advantage.

An essential-user car allowance will be payable in addition to removal expenses.

This advertisement appears after consultation with the Local Government Staff Commission and is not restricted to local government officers. However, all other things being equal, preference will be given to serving local government officers.

Application forms and further details from the County Secretary, County Hall, Chester CH1 1SF.

Closing date 14th June 1974.

SUSSEX POLICE AUTHORITY

ASSISTANT PROSECUTING SOLICITOR

PO1 (£3,273-£3,729)

While experience in a prosecuting solicitor's office would be an advantage, the post would suit recently qualified solicitors wishing to make a career in prosecutions or solicitors who wish to change to work of a varied, interesting and satisfying nature. There are good career prospects. The initial salary will depend on ability and experience.

Subsistence and car mileage allowances apply, and lodging allowances, resettlement grants and removal expenses are payable in appropriate cases. The Authority also operate a car loan scheme.

Further information can be obtained by ringing Lewes 5432 (Ext. 345).

Application forms, to be returned by 7 June, 1974, from the Clerk of the Sussex Police Authority (MA/CO'B), Pelham House, St. Andrews Lane, Lewes.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH POLYTECHNIC
WELFARE CENTRE

Applications are invited for the new post of:

CAREERS INFORMATION OFFICER

To work in close co-operation with the counselling team and be responsible for the careers for students. The post offers considerable scope to a person with enthusiasm, initiative and organising ability who is sensitive to students' needs. Previous applicants need not re-apply but their applications will be considered.

Salary scale: Lecturer I £1,800-£2,874-£3,045.

Further particulars and application forms obtainable from:
THE ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER,
PLYMOUTH POLYTECHNIC,
PLYMOUTH PL4 8AA.

To be returned within ten days.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

TEACHING MEDIA CENTRE

Applications are invited for the post of Producer, Tape Slide Programmes. Responsibilities will comprise advice to University Lecturers and National Health Service Tutors employed by the Wessex Regional Health Authority on the suitability of tape-slides as an educational medium, production of programmes and their subsequent evaluation.

Applicants, who should preferably be graduates should have had at least two years' teaching experience, and have knowledge of education media production and/or techniques of evaluating effective use of learning materials.

The person appointed will be supported by an established team of graphic artists and photographers. He/she will also have the services of a technician experienced in record-keeping and editing processes.

The appointment will be made on the Experimental Officer scale within the range of £2,118-£5,295 p.a., together with F.S.S.U. Further particulars may be obtained from the Deputy Secretary's office (Ext. 355), University, Southampton, SO9 5NH, to whom applications if correct, giving the names of three referees, should be sent not later than 15 June, 1974, quoting reference: T57/74 P.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE
DEPARTMENT OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for a Postdoctoral Research Assistantship in the Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry to study the Application of Boron compounds to Cancer Therapy on a project supported by the Medical Research Council.

Applicants should have a background in preparative chemistry or bio-inorganic chemistry.

The appointment will be made on the salary scale £2,247-£2,580 with placing according to qualifications and experience and will date from 1st October, 1974. The period of appointment will be up to three years and F.S.S.U. benefit will apply.

Applications, with the names and addresses of two referees (quoting R16/74) should be sent to

Dr. J. H. Morris,
Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry,
University of Strathclyde,
295 Cathedral Street,
Glasgow, G1 1XL.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

WELLCOME UNIT FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE,
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Applications are invited for the post of ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH IN HISTORY OF MEDICINE from October 1st, 1974, for five years, to be in charge of Unit. Teaching and research in history of medicine and allied fields of history of the bio-medical sciences. Salary scale £3,108-£4,896.

Applications with two or three referees should be sent to Dr Mary Hesse, Department of History & Philosophy of Science, Free School Lane, Cambridge, from whom further information can be obtained.

Closing date June 12th.

UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE

LECTURESHIP/ SENIOR LECTURESHIP

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer in Accountancy from suitably qualified applicants.

The successful applicant will have preferably both a university degree (either a good honours first degree or a higher degree) and a professional qualification in accountancy. Practical experience as an accountant, financial manager or financial consultant would also be an advantage. In addition to his teaching responsibilities the successful applicant would be encouraged to maintain close links with industry and the financial sector and would also be expected to contribute to the research programme of the Department. Applications will be welcomed from candidates whose special field is in any area of accountancy.

Salary scales: Lecturer £2,118-£4,896; Senior Lecturer £4,707-£5,844 (1st October, 1974). F.S.S.U. benefits.

Application forms and further particulars (quoting 25/74) may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Strathclyde, Royal College Building, 204 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1XW with whom applications should be lodged by 5th June 1974.

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Applications to: The General Administrator, S.N.O., 150 Hope St., Glasgow, G2 2TH.

LEGAL NOTICES also on page 27

No 001164 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of INDIGO OVERLAND EXPEDITIONS Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 20th day of May, 1974, presented to the said Court by The Premier Press Limited whose registered office is situate at 21/30 Osborn Street, London E1 6TJ, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 17th day of June 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

PRITCHARD ENGLEFIELD & TOBIN, 23 Great Castle Street, London W1N 8NU Solicitors for the Petitioner

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Peti- tion must serve on, or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th day of June 1974.

No 001165 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT In The Matter of BEL CANTO Limited and In the Matter of the Com- panies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by Her Majesty's High Court of Justice the High Court of Justice was on the 20th day of May 1974 presented to the said Court by The Department of Health and Social Security of State House, High Holborn, London, W.C.1.

And that the said Petition is direc- ted to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2, on the 17th day of June 1974, and any creditor or con- tributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company re- quiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

W. H. M. Clifford, State House, High Holborn London W.C.1.

Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th day of June 1974.

No 00895 of 1974
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION Companies Court In the matter of SWIMMING POOL EQUIPMENT INTER- NATIONAL Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 19th day of April 1974, presented to the said Court by JOHN ALEXANDER CRUICK- SHANK TAYLOR of 8 Falconer Place, Inverurie and RAYMOND BRUCE TAYLOR of Coltward, North Street, Inverurie the only partners in the firm of JOHN A. C. TAYLOR ENGINEERS a firm whose principal address is Versille Street, Steel Works, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, AB5 9DH, Scotland, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 17th day of June 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

POTHECARY & BARRATT, Tal- bot House, Talbot Court, Grace- church Street, London EC3V 0BS Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th day of June, 1974.

No 001126 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of RACE CONSTRUC- TION Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 16th day of May 1974 presented to the said Court by Coleman Brothers Wholesale Wallpapers Limited of Mebro Works, Cecilia Hall Lane, London N.9.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London W.C.2 on the 17th day of June 1974 and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contri- butory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

SHEPHERD HARRIS & CO., Refuge House, River Front, Enfield, Middlesex. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 14th day of June 1974.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of R. J. BURNS (HEATING ENGINEERS) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the members of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Friday, the 31st day of May, 1974, at 11 a.m. to be followed at 11.15 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 8th day of May, 1974.
M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

No 00121 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE In the matter of TRELYN ENGINEER- ING Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948

I, GEORGE THOMAS EHLERS, Chartered Accountant of 18, Baldwin Street, Bristol BS1 1SQ hereby give notice that I have been APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR of Trelyn Engineering Limited by Order of the Court dated 19th April, 1974.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1974.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of LEENSTAN Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Com- pany, which is being voluntarily WOUND UP are required, on or before the 30th day of June 1974 to send in their full Christian and Surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full par- ticulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Sol- icitors (if any) to the undersigned Laurence Jack Gerrard FCA of 1 Old Bond Street, Piccadilly, London, W.1 the Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be ex- cluded from the benefit of any distribu- tion made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of May 1974.
L. J. GERRARD,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of R. J. BURNS & COMPANY (Contractors) Limited (In Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Friday, the 7th day of June 1974, at 11.15 a.m. to be followed at 11.30 a.m. by a GENERAL MEET- ING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1974.
M. A. JORDAN,
Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and In the Matter of R. J. BURNS & COMPANY (Contractors) Limited (In Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Com- pany will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Thursday, the 30th day of May 1974 at 2 p.m. to be followed at 2.15 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1974.
R. W. CORK,
Liquidator.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL REORGANIZATION

NOTICE [illegible]

EDUCATIONAL

The University of Manchester

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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The University of Leeds

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTSHIPS IN ECONOMIC HISTORY

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The House of Aldie, formerly Aldie Castle, built in the fifteenth century, is for sale with 69 acres of grounds.

Residential Property

Demand for homes near the sea

Coastal properties have always been much in demand and even in the present depressed housing market are usually among the most popular. Unfortunately, from the house buyer's point of view, the supply of true coastal properties is relatively decreasing. Large stretches of coast have already been built over, particularly in the South, and the rest is ever more closely preserved from development in the interest of general amenity. Someone looking for a truly coastal property with direct access to the sea will have to hunt farther and longer and pay a good price when his search is successful.

One good example of this class of property is Widmouth House, near Ilfracombe, Devon, where the 30 acres that go with it include a small headland and a private cove on one of the most scenic coastlines in the country. The house is on the lee of the headland, with views along the coast. It is a stone-built, slate-roofed Devon building, with two reception rooms, a small study and five bedrooms. To be auctioned towards the end of the month by Hampton and Sons, of London, it is expected to make about £100,000.

About the same figure is being asked for an unusual Scottish property called The House of Aldie, formerly known as Aldie Castle, in the parish of Fossway, near Kinross. It was built about the middle of the fifteenth century and enlarged in 1585, but generally the buildings are of four periods and are arranged around a small court. The oldest part is the fifteenth-century tower, which has four storeys.

Accommodation includes three reception rooms, a library and a study, and five bedrooms. In addition to flower and shrub gardens there is about 69 acres of ground and woodland. A modernized cottage with a living room and three double bedrooms is included. The property is for sale through John D. Wood and Co. of Edinburgh.

At the other end of the price scale but equally interesting in its way is another Scottish property called The Haven, in Back Wynd, Falkland, about six miles from Glenrothes, Fife.

This is an eighteenth-century cottage with crow-step gable and swept dormer windows just renovated by the Fife Heritage Company, under the "little houses" scheme operated by the Scottish National Trust to encourage the restoration of small town properties by members of the public. The work has been carried out under the close scrutiny of the trust and the cottage now has a single large living area on the ground floor, with a double and single bedroom on the first floor, which is reached by a broad open staircase. Offers over £8,800 are being asked through D. and A. Cook, solicitors, of South Street, St Andrews.

In Sussex, between the Cowdray and Petworth estates, an interesting property for sale is The Priory, at Selham, an old renovated house surrounded by farmland. Its early history is obscure, but it seems to date from medieval times with a small Georgian house added at the western end. It is thought that the priory itself was connected with the Saxon church in the village. Period features include mullioned and leaded light windows and the accommodation runs to three reception rooms and six bedrooms. Outbuildings include a fine old barn with stabling for nine, an office and playroom space. There is outline planning permission for a staff cottage and a further cottage suitable for conversion. In all, the property extends to about five acres and offers over £80,000 are being asked through Savills.

For those who like water in their immediate surroundings, Pointwell Mill on the Blackwater at Coggeshall, Essex, is a notable property for sale through the same agents. It is an eighteenth-century building, standing on a mill site of very considerable antiquity. It remained in operation until the late 1890s, when it was apparently put out of action by, curiously enough, an earthquake. The mill was restored by the present owners in 1966, preserving the timber frame, and has two reception rooms and four bedrooms. Close by is Pointwell Mill Cottage, constructed of lath and plaster and white weatherboarding, also with two reception rooms and four bedrooms, though with smaller rooms. The mill pond is stocked with brown and rainbow trout and the sale includes half a mile of fishing on the Blackwater. In total, the property runs to about nine acres and offers of about £90,000 are being asked.

Another good property close to London is Pipers Cottage, at Grove Heath, near Ripley, Surrey, a period house built of brick with exposed timbers and a tiled roof. It is listed as a grade II building of special architectural and historical interest. Accommodation includes two reception rooms, a nursery and five bedrooms. The house stands in just over an acre. Offers of about £60,000 are being asked through Lane Fox and Partners.

Suitable for restoration is Coombe Cottage, Butler's Cross, Buckinghamshire, for sale through Brown and Merry, of Wendover, for £15,000 to £20,000. It has two reception rooms and three bedrooms and stands in nearly half an acre with views across the Chequers estate. An auction is planned for June if there is no private sale.

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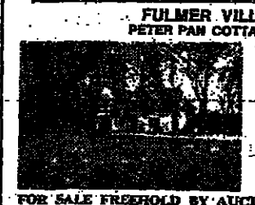

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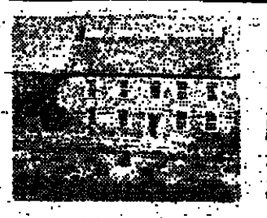

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No. 00[illegible] of 1974
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Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 8th day of May, 1974 presented to the Court by Bamburgers (Eastern) Limited [illegible] 547-551 London Road, Westcliff-on

Women's Appointments also on page 27

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CAMPIONE.—On 21st May, at St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.1, to Carolyn and Gianfranco—Tommaso, brother for Saverio.

CRAWSHAW.—On May 22nd, to Sue and David, a second son (Tom).

EMERSON.—On 9th May, a daughter (Lucie Alexandra) in Paris to Barbara and Michael.

EVERETT.—On 23rd May, 1974, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital to Priscilla (nee Hill) and Anthony Everett—a son.

FALCON.—On May 22nd, at Queen Charlotte's, W.6, to Jan (nee Please) and Kerry—a daughter.

FELLOWES.—On 20th May, in Hampshire, to Christel (nee Lange) and Richard, twin daughters.

GALLIMORE.—On 22nd May, at the Rutland Memorial Hospital, Oakham, to Patricia (nee Dooley) and Charles, a son (Robert Woodd).

GODBOLD.—On May 23rd, 1974, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, S.W.19, to Annette (nee Jorgensen) and Geoffrey—a daughter.

HARWOOD.—On 22nd May, 1974, at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Primmy (nee Mallinson) and Robert—a daughter (Felicity), a sister for Jessica.

HENDERSON.—On May 23rd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Anne and Richard Henderson, a son (Robert).

REEVES.—On 9th May, 1974, to Jane (nee Thowless) and Anthony Reeves, a daughter (Jane Ruth), a sister for Rachel and Max.

UDAL.—On May 21st at Epsom District Hospital, to Anne (nee Jackson) and Mclaren—a son (Peter Nicholas).

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ADAMS.—On 22nd May, suddenly, in his 70th year, at Westfield, Sussex, Thomas Neville Adams, third son of the late Thomas and Caroline Adams.

BAILLIE.—On 22nd of May, Archibald (commissioned in the Black Watch, in 1915), aged 78 years. Suddenly, at 29 Ridgewood Crescent, Gosforth, Newcastle. Beloved husband of Ann, and dear father of Allan, Isabella and John. Service at Gosforth United Reformed Church, on Friday, 24th of May, at 11.15 a.m. Followed by cremation at West Road. No flowers please, but donations in lieu may be sent to Gosforth United Reformed Church.

BLUNN.—On May 23rd, peacefully, in his 87th year, Walter George Cunnew Blunn, of Reynards Wood, Storrington, formerly of Cobham and Kuala Lumpur, most beloved and dearly loving husband of Irene and loving father of Joyce. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Findon (A24), on Wednesday, May 29th, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

BURLTON (Colonel L. H., Burlton, O.B.E., M.C.), on May 22nd, suddenly, at Holmoke Park, Chichester. Cremation private, no flowers, please.

DEATHS

BONHAM CHRISTIE.—On 22nd May, 1974, at Home Farm House, Marston Ferme, Somerset, John Robert, very dear and loved husband, and father of Celia and Robert Richard and Rosemary. Cremation private. No memorial service. No flowers, but donations instead, please, to Cancer Research.

BRIAN.—On May 18th, 1974, suddenly, at Holmbury, Wadhurst, Sussex, Frederick Reginald Hugh, aged 81, 2nd and last surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brian. Funeral service, at Wadhurst Parish Church, on May 29th at 3 p.m.

BURRELL.—On 21st May, 1974, peacefully, Eva Mary (nee Hassall), aged 88, of Dairy Farm House, Compton Abbas, near Shaftesbury, widow of Harry Burrell, a beloved aunt and great aunt. Memorial service at Compton Abbas Church, at 2 p.m., Wednesday, 29th May.

CARTER, SIMON NICHOLAS NETHERBY in a car accident on May 14th, dearly loved only son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs. Nick Carter, and beloved brother of Athene, of Mount Macedon, Victoria, Australia, aged 20 years.

CHAMLEY, MARGARET J., sister, Church Army, in Westminster Hospital, Monday, May 20th. Interment, Burnside, Westmorland, on Saturday, at 10.30 a.m. Home address: 2 Airethwaite, Kendal.

CLARK-LAWRENCE.—On May 22nd, after a short illness, at St. James Hospital, S.W.11, Norah Frances Clark-Lawrence, M.B.E., of 6 Gorst Rd., S.W.11. Funeral service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Battersea, on Thursday, May 30th, at 3 p.m. Cut flowers, if desired to Larner, 117 Falcon Rd., Battersea, by noon on Thursday.

FARRER.—On Wed., 22nd May, 1974, peacefully, Florence Marie, for 53 years beloved wife of James Stuart Farrer and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral 12 noon on Tuesday, 28th May, at Christ Church, Shamley Green. Family flowers only.

FLINT.—On 20th May, 1974, at University College Hospital, very suddenly after many years of ill health, borne with cheerful and uncomplaining acceptance, John Gomber, aged 76 of the Royal Veterinary College. Loving and very dearly loved husband of son of the late Colonel A. J. M. (Bobby) Flint, M.B.E., and Barbara and brother of Miles, of 34 Heathersley Road, Camberley. Cremation private. No flowers, please.

HARE.—On May 22nd, peacefully, after a short illness, Miss Nina Margaret Hare, of Cowden, Sussex. Funeral, 2.30 p.m., Wednesday, 29th May, St. Barnabas, Bexhill. No flowers.

HOMAYOUN, DOCTOR ABDULLAH, on May 21st, at Southside Hospital, Long Island, New York, after a short illness. He is survived by a son, Martyn, of 13 East 71st Street, New York, New York 10021. Private family funeral, May 23rd, in New York.

INGLIS, ERIC FULLARTON, late of London, loved father of Merle, Patricia and George, passed away 16th May, Sydney, Australia. R.I.P.

JOHNSON.—On Thursday, May 23rd, suddenly at home, 49 Combrton Rd, Kidderminster, Edith, beloved wife of Ferre and mother of Rachel, Malcolm, Adrian and Oliver. Funeral, Baxter Church, Kidderminster today, Friday, May 24th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

KIRKWOOD.—On May 23rd, 1974, after a long and painful illness, Katherine, aged 60 years, of Parkside, Elton Rd., Purley. Beloved wife of Geoffrey and much loved mother of Janice. Cremation service at the Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Rd., Thornton Heath, on Wednesday, May 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Family floral tributes only. Those who wish, donations to Cancer Research, c/o. Barclay's Bank Ltd., Purley. She was very courageous.

LEETE.—On 20th May, 1974, Elizabeth Eleanor (Betty), of 81, Kingsway Court, Hove 3, formerly of Old Southgate, beloved wife of Llewellyn and dear mother and mother-in-law. Cremation privately in Brighton.

LUNN.—On May 21st, 1974, at Bloomfield, Donnybrook, Brian Holdsworth, 26 Villiers Road, Dublin 6; mourned by his daughter, relatives and friends. Body donated for medical research. Memorial Mass, St. Columba's Church, Iona Road, Dublin 9, at 11 a.m. on June 29th.

MEYNELL.—On 22nd May, at Melbourne, Derbyshire, Lt.-Colonel Hugo Francis Meynell, aged 70 years, beloved husband of Doris, father of Lydia and Hugo, brother of Eleanor. Funeral private. Memorial service 11 a.m., on Saturday, June 15th, at Melbourne Parish Church. No flowers, but donations if desired may be sent to the British Heart Foundation.

MINCHIN.—On 23rd May, 1974, peacefully, at Freeland House, Freeland, Oxfordshire, Richenda Winifred Minchin, mother of Desmond Minchin and Deirdre Randolph. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Rd., Headington, at 2.30 p.m., 29th May. Cut flowers only, please, by noon, to R. Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

PRINGLE-PATTISON. — On 22nd May, 1974, Norman Seth Pringle-Pattison, writer to *The Signet*, 5 Midmar Gardens, Edinburgh. Cremation at Mortonhall Crematorium Pentland Chapel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 30th May, at 11.45 a.m. No flowers, please.

RAWES.—On 22nd May, at Cheltenham, Susanna May, aged 90, wife of the late Prescott Rawes, of Oporto, and Burnham on Sea, dear mother of Francis, Bernard, Lavender, and Michael. Funeral service at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 30th May at Cheltenham Cemetery Chapel.

SHELTON.—On 22nd May, 1974, in New Zealand, after a long illness, courageously borne, Vivien Mary, aged 37 years, beloved wife of Lindsay, mother of Adam and Katie, only daughter of Harold and Olive Aston and sister of Richard.

SMITH.—On 23rd May, 1974, after a long illness, Angus Smith, late of 2 Broadlands Close, Broadlands Road, N.6. Dearly loved husband of Dr. Lena Williams, and brother of Peanuel and John. Cremation at Golders Green, on Friday, 31st May, at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 9 Pond Street, N.W.3

DEATHS

TOD.—On 16th May, 1974, Henry Tod, Ph.D., F.R.S.E., S.H.M., J.P., of Carnethy, Seafield, Roslin, Midlothian, dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Margaret, Elizabeth and Blaikie. Body bequeathed to medical science.

TUBBS.—On 22 May, 1974, suddenly, at Little Priors, Bishops Cleeve, Major Ian Noel McClymont, late of the Coldstream Guards, father of Jasper Tubbs, of Pollacton Carlow. Funeral at St. Michaels and All Angels, Bishops Cleeve, Wednesday, 29th May, 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to Selim Smith, 74 Prestbery Road, Cheltenham.

WYLIE, ALAN JOHN ROBERTSON.—On May 21st. Beloved husband of Dorothy (nee Jenkins), and father of Alasdair, Caroline, Christopher and Sheena. Thanksgiving service, Purley URC Church, at 2.30, on May 31st. Beloved son-in-law Mrs K. C. Jenkins.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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